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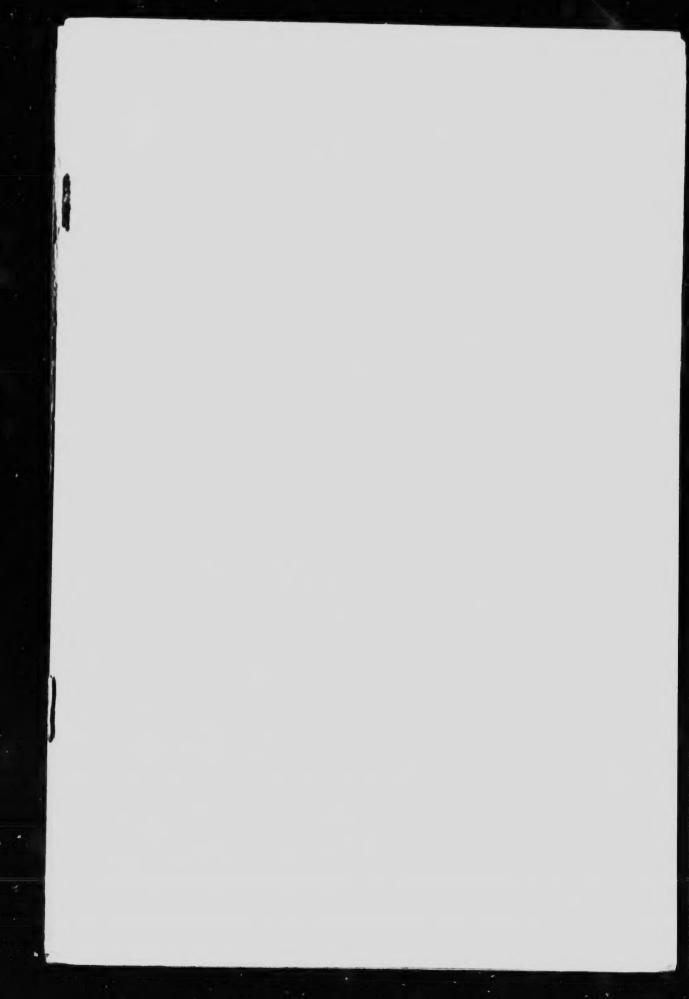
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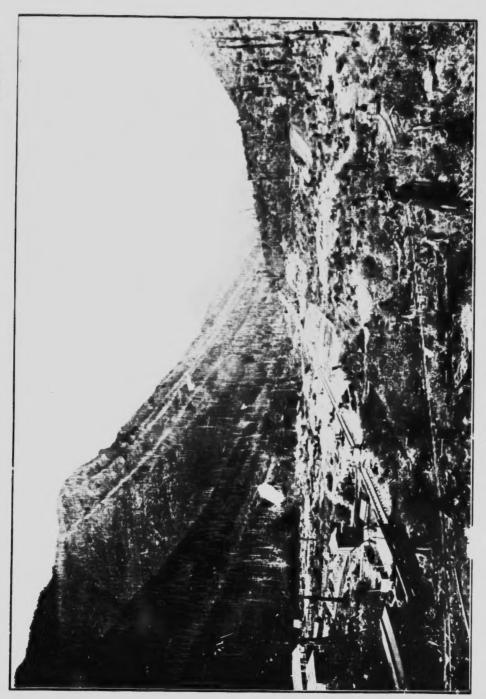
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Sir. -I beg to submit the following report on the coal fields of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and eastern British Columbia.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

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# THE COAL FIELDS OF MANITOBA SASKATCHEWAN, ALBERTA, AND EASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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### INTRODUCTION.

This report is intended as a concise statement of the area and probable contents of the various coal fields of the middle portion of Canada. In its preparation, many published reports giving details of the thickness of seams and character of the enclosing rocks have been consulted, and references to these added; so that they may be further studied. No attempt is here made to treat the subject in detail, except as regards the character of the coal.

The analyses already published are scattered throughout many reports and an effort has been made here at a compilation of this material, in the form of tables of analyses; while for the purpose of comparison, other North American and foreign coals have been added.

#### Location and Area.

In Manitoba, the coal-bearing rocks occupy a small area in the southern part, underlying an elevated portion called Turtle mountain. Thin seams outcrop around the base of this hill, and it is probable that others may be found higher up its slopes. With our present knowledge we can define an area of about forty-eight square miles near the western end of this hill as being available for mining.

The Saskatchewan areas lie principally in the southern part, and are being mined on the Souris river. The elevation known as the Coteau is also composed of coal-bearing rocks, which continue westward in the Wood mountains and Cypress hills. This area, although not well prospected, contains possibly 4,000 square miles within which coal may be found. Between the two branches of the Saskatchewan river there is an area of poss.ble coal-bearing rocks; but the horizons having good workable seams farther west, appear in this area to be rather poorly supplied, so that the value of this part as a coal field is problematical.

The Province of Alberta, as will be seen from the accompanying map, is liberally supplied with coal areas. The western border of the southern part of the Province corsists of several ranges of mountains, formed generally of rocks which were originally the floor on which the coal formations were laid down. The elevation of the coal formations subjected them to greater denudation than the harder rocks beneath, consequently little of this material is left; but in the wider valleys remnants are still found. These, from the superior quality and amount of coal, form very valuable

coal fields. The foothill belt, although not well prospected, will be found to contain many valuable areas in which a softer grade of coal may be

East of the footbill area, lies a great extent of coal-bearing rocks which are comparatively undisturbed. The coal in this region is well suited for domestic use; and as it is within the settlement belt, where wood is scarce, a demand for it is assured. These areas are delineated on the map, and may be referred to as the Edmonton coals. They extend north from near the International Boundary to near the Peace river, covering an area of at least 10,000 square miles.

Another coal formation occupies the southeastern border of the Province, with an area of 5,000 square miles; the seams in this are of more value in the southern portion than farther north, or east. The principal mines of this area are to be found near Lethbridge.

The eastern British Columbia areas are discussed in connexion with the foregoing, principally on account of their importance; but also from the fact that, their structure is intimately related to that of the Alberta areas within the mountains. The valley of Elk river, which heads near the source of the Kananaskis, and occupies the same valley as the upper part of the latter stream, has exposures of coal-bearing rocks of the same horizon as those being mined in Alberta, at Canmore, Bankhead, Blair-

# Historical Summary.

Many of the published accounts of pioneer journeys contain references to the presence of coal seams. This was to be expected from the fact that, in my of the exposures on the stream banks were plainly in view, and some of them were probably on fire.

The earliest mention of coal in the central part of the continent was, probably, that by Sir Alexander Mackenzie in 1789; of a coal seam on Great Bear river in the north. In the eastern part of Canada, under the French occupation, coal was mined before this time, near the mouth of Salmon river in New Brunswick.

The earliest intimation of the area under discussion is probably that which is to be found on a map furnished by Arrowsmith, for Mackenzie's voyages through North America, published in 1801; and a later edition by Arrowsmith published in 1811, on which is shown Peter Fidlers route across the plains, in 1793. These both show that coal had been observed on the Red Deer river, somewhere near the mouth of the Rose-

David Thompson, one of the early pioneers, in 1800 made a trip from Rocky Mountain House down the Saskatchewan, and noted the coal seams; but his journal is still unpublished.\(^1\) Alexander Henry, trading for the North West Company, records coal at Rocky Mountain House, and mentions seeing in 1811, during his journey down the river, the thick seam near Goose encampment: which he estimates at about 30 feet in thickness.2

Annual Report Geo. Surv., Can., Vol. 1L., p. 8 E.
New Light on the Early History of the Greater North West, by Elliett Coues, Vol. 88, pp. 702 and 741.

The coal at Edmonton was noted by Sir George Simpson, in 1841; and ten years later, Sir John Richardson obtained specimens, and considered them to be of the same horizon as the coal on the Mackenzie river.

Father De Smet crossed the mountains from the westward in 1845, passing Rocky Mountain House. In the footbills, or in the vicinity of the mountains, coal was seen on some of the streams—probably branches of the Red Deer river.'

In 1857, Sir James Hector found coal at Souris river near the present mines. In 1858, he described the coal at Edmonton, and also that on the Red Deer river south of Edmonton: remarking that the coal at Edmonton was in use in the forges, and had proved satisfactory. In 1860, he saw the coal seams on the Athabaska and on the Pembina near where the Grand Trunk Pacific railway crosses that stream.

In 1863, Lord Milton and Dr. Cheadle recorded the use of coal in the forges at Edmonton, from the seams in the river bank, and also mention

seeing thick coal seams on the Pembina.

Dr. Grant in "Ocean to Ocean"—the record of Sir Sandford Fleming's trip across the continent in 1872—also refers to the Edmonton and Pembina coals, and to the reported occurrence of vast beds of coal on the Brazeau.

In 1873, Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn descended the Saskatchewan, and recorded in much greater detail the coal seams on this river. This is the first report by an officer of the Canadian Government. It is accompanied by a report on the coal of the Dirt hills in Saskatchewan, by Dr. R. Bell.<sup>6</sup>

Discoveries of coal near the International Boundary were made during the progress of the survey of this line. Attached to the commission as naturalist, was Dr. G. M. Dawson, who reported very fully on the geology of the country, and paid special attention to the evidences of coal underlying the plains. The coal at Roche Percee, discovered in 1857, was fully reported upon, and analyses made. In the vicinity of Milk river, small coal seams were noted for the first time.

The coal seams at Blackfoot crossing were recorded by Prof. John Macoun in the report of the Canadian Pacific Railway survey for 1879.

#### EARLIER MINING.

Previous to the advent of the railway there seems to have been very little attempt at mining, although it is believed that about the year 1880

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Narrative of a Journey Round the World, 1841-2, by Sir George Simpson, Vol. I., p. 101.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Journal of a Boat Voyage through Ruperts Land, p. 195. Oregon Missions, by Father P. J. De Smet, New York, 1847, pp. 150-160. Papers relative to the ! Paration, by Capt. Palliser, London, 1859, pp. 22,

<sup>25, 44.</sup> Further Papers relative — ..e Exploration by Capt. Palliser, London, 1860,

p. 25. The North West Passage by Land, by Milton and Cheadle, London, 1865, p. 201.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Report of Progress, Geol. Surv. Can., 1873-74, pp. 16-87.

7 British North American Boundary Commission. Report on the Geology and Resources of the Region in the Vicinity of the Forty-Ninth Parallel, by G. M. Dawson, Montreal, 1875.

some coal was shipped by barge from Roche Percee down the Souris; but the venture was probably not very successful.

Subsequent development in coal mining followed railway extension very closely. In 1888, coal was discovered near Banff, on the Cascade river, opposite the present Bankhead mines. Mining here was, however, discontinued as soon as the seams were discovered near the railway at what was afterwards called Anthracite. This mine was leased in 1891 to H. W. McNeil & Co., who continued mining until 1904.

The coal mines at Lethl idge were preceded by primitive attempts at mining from the banks of the river. After a company was formed and plant erected the industry began to assume importance, and shipment may be considered to have commenced about the year 1886.

The well established mining industry at Canmore commenced about 1888, at what is known as the Cochrane mine, a mile up the river from the present slope. In 1891 the Canadian Pacific railway built a spur down the river to the mouth of the gull opposite White Man pass, where the present mining plant is installed. An extension south to the Sedlock prospect was finished in 1907, thus opening another new mine.

A mine near Cochranc was opened in 1885, known as the Bow River mine. This was closed in 1888, and another opening made nearby for a new company; but for many years this has been closed.

Near Medicine Hat, the coal seams on the Saskatchewan have been mined since 1883. The most prominent are in the neighbourhood of Stair.

The Crowfoot seams were worked in a desultory manner by the Blackfoot Indians, and for a time the Canadian Pacific railway made attempts at mining on Crowfoot creek, north of the railway, commencing operations in 1888.

The progressive development of the Edmonton mines closely followed the growth of the settlement. With the advent of the railway they rapidly increased in importance, and by consolidation, and increase of capital, their operations were placed on a more permanent basis.

Kneehills mines were opened in 1893, but as they are far from a rail-way, they have—by the primitive means used—taken out only enough coal to supply the immediate settlers.

The greatest amount of mining has been along the line of the Crows Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, in the mountains. This followed immediately on the completion of the railway, and practically within recent years.

In Manitoba, there was promise at one time of a mine at the west end of Turtle mountain, south of Goodlands. About 1890, several holes were bored, and a shaft put down; but for some reason the industry was discouraged. South of Deloraine, coal has been to kea from a couple of thin seams for several years, but there has been no continuous mining.

## SUMMARY, AND CONCLUSIONS.

The geological structure of the area was roughly outlined by Sir James Hector, but to Pr. G. M. Dawson, R. G. McConnell and J. B. Tyrrell fell the lot of making the detailed examinations which gave us a true



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insight into the structure and areal distribution of the measures. coal is found in three distinct horizons in the Cretaceous, separated by shales of marine origin. The lowest is practically the base of the formation, and is considered Cretaceous from its fossil flora; though it lies just above the Fernie shale, now understood to be of Jurassic age. The line of demarcation is not very sharp, as the shales in their upper part become interstratified with sands, and gradually pass into a sandstone formation containing coal seams - called by Dawson the Kootanie. The age of the Kootanie, if not Jurassic, must be early Cretaceous Above this the Dakota does not appear to be coal-bearing in an economic sense, and not until near the top of the Belly River or Judith Refer formation is reached does there appear to have been land conditions of sufficiently long duration for the growth of material to form coal beds. The coal horizon in the Belly river contains but a few workable seams; but its areal distribution makes it important. The third coal horizon is at the top of the Cretaceous, and includes part of the old Laramie formation. The upper part in Alberta is a fresh-water deposit, and is classed as Tertiary, under the name Paskapoo formation, and is not distinctly coal-bearing. What is believed to be the same horizon as the lower Laramie, bears many lignite cams, and in Alberta is given the name Edmonton formation, the h., ... member of the Cretaceous.

The three coal horizons are as below: -

(1) Edmonton formation in Alberta, and Laraunie in Saskatchewan.

(2) Belly River (Judith River) formation.

(3) Kootanie formation.

#### Estimates of Area and Coal Content.

The problem of forming an estimate of the coal content is exceedingly difficult, and the aim in this review is to give what might be called the maximum value from the knowledge we at present possess. The minimum will be arrived at only after years of prospecting, and will, we hope, be well up to the present estimate.

In the small rich areas in the mountains the measures are best exposed, so that from these a better estimate of coal content can be made—a much closer one than in the case of flat lying measures, having exposures of coal seams at great distances apart, with few drill holes to prove the intervening portions. On the plains, so little is the evidence of disturbance of the beds that, a large area in the vicinity of a heavy seam may reasonably be classed as workable. If, however, the area depends for coal on one seam alone, there is a constant danger that it may taper off in thickness, or split up into unworkable seams by an increase in the partings

A low estimate of the general content is, therefore, to be placed on the areas outside the me antains; and even this in the end may prove excessive.

For limited areas where heavy seams are known—as in the country south and west of Edmonton—the estimate is probably low enough, but in the less explored areas the estimate may be too high.

The Saskatchewan areas of the southern part may produce sufficient

coal to warrant the estimate put on them; but the content of the portion northeast of Medicine Hat is problematical, since few seams have as yet been found.

# COALS OF THE FORMATIONS.

# Koolanie Formation: Areas and Coal Content.

Eastern British Columbia. Exposures of these measures are to be found in the Elk River valley, which heads near the Kanamask.s. The field, which has been generally known as the Crowsnest area, contains 230 square miles of coal lands estimated to contain 22,000,000,000 tons of bituminous coal. North of this, on the upper waters of Elk of 14,000,000,000 tons.

Alberta. The Kootanie coals in Alberta are generally exposed in narrow bands in the mountains. These are here enumerated in order from the south:

Coleman area is estimated at 45 square miles, with 50 feet of coal in the section, giving an estimated content of 2,000,000,000 tons.

Blairmore-Frank area is irregular in shape, and broken by faults and folds: but assuming for it an area of 50 square miles, with an estimated thickness of 30 feet of coal, its total content is estimated at 1,500,000,000 tons.

Livingstone area lies north of Blairmore, and west of the Livingstone range of morean's. The area covaining coal approximates 60 square miles. A maximum estimate of its coal content is 1,500,000,000 tons.

Moose Mountain as i, lying outside the first range of the Rocky mountains, consists of a narrow band encircling this outlying mountain. It extends from near the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, south to Sheep creek. Its area is estimated at 15 square miles, with a thickness of 15 feet of coal in the section. This would give a probable coal content for the area of 150,000,600 tons.

Cascade area is a long strip between the ranges, centaining workable seams for about 40 miles of its length. It is estimated to contain about 400,000,000 tons of anthracite, and of the softer grades

Palliser area, on Panther river, is comparatively small, but with an area of perhaps six square miles has, possibly, a coal content of 20,000,000 tons.

Costigan area lies east of Palliser, and is estimated in 12 square miles to possibly contain 60,000,000 tons -mostly bituminous coal.

Bighorn area, between the Saskatchewan and Brazeau rivers, is estimated at 60 square miles, with a content of at least 1,400,000,000 tons.

# Belly River Formation: Area and Coal Content.

The coals that belong to this horizon, grade generally between lignite and bituminous, and are found over an enormous area. Roughly



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measured on the map, this area is about 25,000 square miles. An estimate on this basis would, however, be very misleading; since portions are known to be either unproductive, or, to contain only small seams of inferior coal; 5,000 square miles might be assumed as being reasonably valuable. Four feet of coal underlying this area would furnish 13,000,000,000 tons. Most of the productive value is in Alberta. The amounts contained in the two provinces, respectively, may be estimated at 10,000,000,000 for Alberta; and 3,000,000,000 for Saskatchewan.

### The Edmonton Formation: Area in Alberta,

The coals of this formation are generally lignites; but in the foothills grade up to bituminous. The foothill areas, though but narrow bands, have a length of about 400 miles, and thus may have an exposed area of possibly 2,000 square miles. This has been estimated to have possibly 11,000,000,000 tons as a total content.

The eastern outcrop produces lignites that, in some places are almost lignitic coals. The area is enormous, and only that portion between the Bow river and Edmonton is included in the estimate. This embraces a surface of 10,800 square miles, which is estimated to have 6 feet of coal below it—at a workable depth. Deduced from these premises the possible content would be 60,000,000,000 tons.

The total for the formation is, therefore, an area of 12,800 square miles, and a coal content of 71,000,000,000 tons.

### The Laramie Formation: Area in Saskatchewan.

The coals of this formation are all lignites. The Souris area, of eight townships, is estimated to contain 2,000,000,000 tons; while the remaining portion lying to the west—consisting of 4,000 square miles—has possibilities up to about 13,000,000,000 tons: a total for the area of 15,000,000,000 tons.

#### The Laramie Formation: Area in Manitoba.

The Turtle Mountain area in the southern portion of the Province has an available area of 48 square miles, probably coal-bearing, which with 4 feet of coal, represents a possible total of 160,000,000 tons.

### Estimate of Total Content.

	h.	Million Tons.	
Eastern British Columbia.	370	36,000	Bituminous
Alberta:—			
Coleman area	45	2,000	do
Blairmore-Frank	50	1,500	do
Livingstone	60	1,500	do
Moose mountain	15	250	do

do Palliser Costigan Bighorn Belly River area Foothills Edmonton formation	6 12 60 3,500	
Saskatchewan:—	Square Miles.	Million Tons
Laramie Belly River	4,000 1,500	15,000 Lignite. 3,000 do
*ARGINITATION	5,500	18,000 Lignite.
Turtle mountain	48	160 Lignite.

The total estimate for these three provinces, and the eastern part of British Columbia approximates 22,506 square miles, and 143,490,000, 900 tons of coal.

In this total the various classes of coal occur in the following proportions:—

Anthracite Anthracitic and semi-anthracite Bituminous and some semi-anthracite Coal and lignitic coal Lignite.	860,000 000 "	
	143,490,000,000	

Notes on the production of coal.

Eastern British Columbia.—The mines of the Crowsnest district began shipping in 1899. The demand for a steam and coking coal for the mining districts of the western states, and British Columbia, caused a rapid increase in the output in a few years. Coal for railway use has been extensively drawn from this field. A summary of the amount mined for nine years is subjoined:—

OUTPUT MINE		Co	HOME DNSUMPTION		то Т	Export Nited Sta	ATES.
Year.	Ton«.	Coal.	Coke.	Equiva- lent in Coal.	Coal.	Coke,	Equiva- lent in Coal
900 901		92,519 125,725	27,065 77,241	41,292 112,638	7,968 72,862	38,958 32,121	55,05 68,13
902 903		125,327 194,325	81,973 122,006	125,995 203,291	101,776 145.010	26,764 27,757	41,16
904 905		210,980 $188,103$	119,004 45.044	197,673 223,144	118,188 246,022	97 690 113 337	153,22 174,68
906 907	720,449	185,541 262,451	134,646 140,987	217,170 234,200	230,863 291,410	53,400 59,890	86,87 88,67

The shipments for 1908 will include the output of a new mine at Hosmer.

Alberta and Saskatchewan.—The output of the mines of these two provinces, taken from census reports and the provincial returns, shows a great increase in the period between 1901 and 1906:

:	Production of Coal in Tons.			
	1881,	1891.	1901.	1906.
Alberta	1, .	174,131	280,000 40,909 <sup>1</sup>	1,385,000 170,582
	1,590	174,131	320,909	1,555,582

This rapid rise in the rate of production suggests that, it must be due not only to increase in population, but also to the extension of railways and the introduction of manufacturing industries. This is borne out by the population returns covering the same period:—

		Popul ati	on.	
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1906.
Alberta	18,075	26,277	68,376	185,412
Saskatchevan	19,679	40,522	90,564	257,763
Į.	37,754	66,799	158,940	443,175
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The above table shows that, the coal consumption is increasing at a

much more rapid rate than the population. In considering, therefore, the future needs of the northwest provinces, it is quite evident that in a few years—unless new nines are opened—the present plants will be taxed to their full capacity.

The first need of the population is domestic fuel, and much of this is being supplied from the lignite belt. Transportation and manufacture next demand fuel for power production. Thus the per capita coal consumption will increase with added population.

The coal available in Alberta is of all grades, from lignite to anthracite, and mines producing each kind have been opened up. In Saskatchewan the lower grades only have been found.

# GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

Topography.—The topography of the district included within the provinces discussed in the following report, consists of many diverse types, due both to structure and erosion. The most prominent feature is the Rocky mountains. This series of ranges, as will be seen from maps of such areas as the Crowsnest or Cascade coal fields, is merely a series of inclined blocks of the harder rocks upon which the softer Creta/eous beds have been laid.

They present a rugged outline and steep faces from weathering and glacial erosion; but their topographic features do not indicate great age, as is shown by the close connexion between their structure and present form.

The three provinces to the east of the mountains, although generally called plains, are in reality undulating table lands, which may be divided roughly into four topographic divisions:—

The first consists of a plain lying upon the Archæan floor, from which all but the Palæozoic rocks have been removed; and in Manitoba this is smoothed over by deposits of glacial drifts and by the sediments laid by the glacial lake Agassiz.

The second is a plateau which has for its eastern edge the northeastern escarpment of the Cretaceous shalv deposits.

The third division is more diverse in character; but is roughly outlined on its eastern edge by the elevation known as the Coteau. The rocks which are exposed throughout this division have a larger proportion of sandstones among them than in the second. To this, no doubt, is due the greater relief in the topography.

The fourth division may be called the foothills area, and the character of its topography is due more to structure than to drain the denudation. The foothills consist generally of ridges of inclined strata running parallel

to the Rocky mountains, cut through at intervals by stream valleys. First division.—This is the lowest in elevation and is essentially a region of lakes, with the exception of the southern end, which is covered by silts and clays of lacustrine deposition—now forming the fine farming lands of southern Manitoba. The drainage is northward to the Nelson river, which flows to Hudson bay. The surface features east and north of Lake Winnipeg differ from those to the west in that this eastern part



Photograph showing the general of the Colvin beingen in Foothers and Lake Minners, from a model in D-8 Howeing. Woode Colvin single



is mostly of the mammillated character usually found in a country underlain by Archæan rocks, with but a thin mantle of surface drift.

Second division.—The second topographic division consists of a plateau formed of shales and other soft rocks. The surface has suffered great denudation, so that its general elevation is hard to estimate; but a large portion of the area is nearly 1,000 feet above the level of the Manitoba lakes. Several valleys have been croded through the escarpment. The wider openings are those through which flow the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan rivers, whose valleys, back from the face of the escarpment, show as deep narrow cuts with frequent scarped banks. The eastern edge of this plateau between the indentations formed by drainage channels forms the elevations known as the Pembina, Riding, Duck, Porcupine and Pas mountains.

In this division the drainage is divided between the general eastern drainage of the Qu'Appelle, Assiniboine and Souris waters, and the

northeastern drainage of the Saskatchewan.

Third division.—This, extending from the Coteau to the foothills, may be considered as consisting of three sloping planes from which it, recent topography has been derived. The dividing lines between these three planes are: the watershed between the two branches of the Saskatchewan, and the valley of the Belly river. North of the watershed mentioned, the country slopes generally from the mountains northeasterly, and is drained radially by streams that run to Hudson bay and the Mackenzie valley. South from this the slope is southeastward to the depression occupied by the Belly river. Southward again the slope changes to nearly east; but following the valley of the South Saskatchewan we find north of the Cypress hills and Wood mountains a slope to the north.

On these plains the relief is very much accentuated by the fact that, much of the country is bare of timber; but elevations such as the Cypress hills, standing 2,500 feet above the level of the railway at Irvine, or the Hand hills, which are 800 feet above the surrounding plain, become

pronounced topographic features.

Fourth division.—The topography of the foothills is much more diverse than that of the other three previously discussed. From the south the foothill area gradually widens to the north, and in the valley of the Crowsnest river, as it emerges from the mountains, the crosion has narrowed the foothill belt to a few miles.

The illustration (Plate VI)—introduced to show the chief features of the topography—is from aphotograph of a model in which the relief is exaggerated somewhat to bring out the less prominent hills and valleys. It also has a bearing on the fuel problem. The southern part is mostly bare prairie with a fringe of true forest—shown in the picture as a darker shaded portion—along the north, and covering most of northern Manitoba. Park-like, partly open patches of poplar and some spruce, invade the prairie section from the forest edge. About half the area illustrated is true prairie, where the fuel supply for the settler will be local coal.

Communication.—The natural means of communication by waterv s is restricted to the navigation of some of the lakes in Manitoba, and the streams crossing the plains. The streams are navigable only

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at high water; and they all have strong currents; hence the difficulties of navigation from shallow water and current combined are so great that overland transport is necessary. This is being supplied by the railway lines which traverse the area generally in an east and west direction. The main line of the Canadian Pacific railway was the first through line connecting the eastern and western adjacent portions of Canada. It crosses the Rocky mountains by the Bow River valley through the Kicking Horse pass. Subsequently, branches from St. Paul to Moosejaw, and from Medicine Hat to Kootenay Landing passed through the coal mining districts of Souris river and the Crowsnest pass. Two transcontinental lines now building the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific -- reach from Winnipeg to Edmonton. A third line a branch of the Canadian Pacific—will shortly be completed to the same point. Transverse roads are also included in the present general scheme; such as the railway from Edmonton to Calgary; that from Calgary to McLeod; and McLeod to a connexion in Montana. Another transverse route is provided by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern branches from Prince Albert to Portal, on the Dakota boundary. The third set of transverse roads includes a number in Manitoba. An outlet to Hudson bay is also being located from the lower part of the Saskatchewan.

The metallurgical market in Canada is at present British Columbia; the foreign-which may be supplied from this coal area—is in the United States, immediately to the south. The areas crossed by the Crows Nest branch supply coking coal, and several of the collieries are making coke. On the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, no coking coal is being mined. Farther north, the new transcontinental roads will build branches to reach possibly the coking coals of the areas near the Saskatchewan river: to supply the market that will be created by the

opening of northern British Columbia.

For railway power the supply will have to come from the vicinity of the mountains, and this can only be obtained-for amounts above the present available tonnage—by a larger output from the anines on the railways crossing the mountain coal areas; or by running branches to other available areas. The Ohio coals can be shipped via the lake route, and compete with the western coals as far as the western border of

For domestic and manufacturing purposes the coals of the plains will maintain their market against the higher grade coals of the foothills, and mountains; because of the shorter haulage to market, and their relative cheapness. For power stations, the lignites have been demonstrated to be admirably adapted for gas producers; and as they are to be found very near the area which is expected to soon have a large population, the market for this class of fuel is assured. The extension of railways through the fertile, treeless areas cannot of itself cause permanent settlement: reasonably cheap fuel is also necessary. The western portion of Saskatchewan is being crossed by railways, several of which cross the treeless area; but as they are being constructed mainly from the east, permanent settlement will follow only when these branches cross the Alberta coal areas, and render the coals available for a fuel

supply. Coal mining in the vicinity of Edmonton is just now changing. Hitherto, the demand has been purely local; but now—owing to the advent of railways—shipments are being made to distant parts; which has necessitated better equipment, and the installation of additional machinery to the existing plants.

In Saskatchewa<sup>1</sup>, the southern coal area is crossed by the "Soo" branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, and one from Estevan eastward to Manitoba. The facility with which this lignite can be marketed, both north and east, together with the increase in population, has raised the production of the mines on the Souris from about 40,000 tons in 1901, to over 100,000 in 1906.

Activity in mining for the domestic market is generally greatest during the autumn and winter months; but this period also constitutes the busy season for the railways, hence there is often difficulty in securing the necessary cars. If it c ald be arranged that coal could be stored under cover during the summer months, coal famines would not occur.

### GENERAL GEOLOGY.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

At the eastern edge of Manitoba, and extending northwesterly, appears the old Archæan plain on which, to the southwestward, is laid successive beds of Palæozoic limestones, in their turn covered by heavy deposits of shales and sandstones, mainly of Cretaceous age; though remnants of Tertiary deposits are found on this Cretaceous plateau. The Palæozoic rocks which disappear under this mass of shales along its eastern edge appear again in the Rocky mountains by faulting, and their load of softer rocks is there almost all removed, leaving traces only of the lower members in some of the valleys.

The formations exposed in this part of the continent, therefore, rauge in age from the rocks of the Archæan complex, through the Palæozoic and Mesozoic to the Cenozoic. As before remarked, lying on the Archæan floor in Manitoba are exposed limestones correlated with the Ordovician and Devonian of other parts of the continent. These consist mainly of dolomitic beds that are flat lying, and form inconspicuous topographic features. In the Rocky mountains, in addition to this series, limestones and calcareous shales of Carboniferous age occur.

The Mesozoic section is complete only in the vicinity of the mountains. The lower beds—red sandy shales—have been found north of the Saskatchewan to contain Triassic fossils. This red series is in turn covered by dark shales of marine origin, with fossils of a Jurassic type. They are everywhere found beneath the lowest coal measures, which are assigned to the Cretaceous, and form narrow beds running parallel to the ranges. No exposures of these Jurassic rocks are known east of the foothills.

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The lower Cretaceous consists of standstones, and brown and black shales, in which are numerous coal seams. These rocks do not appear east of the foothills. The thickness of the formation increases westward, and is at its maximum in the Elk River valley, where it has a thickness of about a mile.

The middle part of the Cretaceous, consisting of shales of marine origin, forms the plateaus extending from the mountains to within the borders of Manitoba. The general topography, with its deep'—incised valleys, is derived mainly from the crosion of these soft recess.

The upper part of the Cretaceous section, although for the most part marine shales, grades upward to sandy measures of brackis—water origin. The harder beds of this upper part form many of the strong recognishing features, both of the foothills and plains. Few exposures a set is should in the mountains, where they have been almost entirely removed by erosion.

The Tertiary rocks are littoral deposits—sandstones with some shales and conglomerates. Exposures are to be found in the higher plateaus such as the Cypress hills and Wood mountain, and in the trough which extends north from the International Boundary in the foothills, including the Porcupine hills, and the sandstones at Calgary. The northern extension crosses the Saskatchewan west of Edmonton.

The later deposits, such as the glacial till and the Saskatchewan gravel, will be but briefly mentioned. The glaciation of the mountains spacads a mantle of till through the foothills. The till of the Keewatin glacier does not always reach the eastern margin of the Rocky Mountain till, and they are possibly of two distinct periods. The eastern derived till is thin on the uplands, and often appears to have been rearranged by deposition in water. Morainic deposits occur on the Coteau in eastern Saskatchewan, and in Manitoba. Glacial lake phenomena have been observed at several parts; but the Lake Agassiz beaches of Manitoba, and the upper Red river, have formed the subject of several interesting reports.

Summary Description of Formations.

Deronian

In Manitoba, the Devonian rocks are divided into three series, Upper, Middle, and Lower.

Upper Deconian or Manitoban

Light grey, hard, brittle limestone with red argillites at base thickness about 200 feet.

Middle Devonian or Winnipegosan

Light yellow, hard dolomite, with porous beds beneath—thickness about 200 feet.

I ver Devenian

Mainly red shales—thickness about 100 feet. These beds probably represent only the upper part of the lower Devonian of eastern America.

In western Saskatchewan these beds may be found near the Churchill river; having nearly the same characters.

In Alberta, the most eastern exposure is in the neighbourhood of Athabaska river. In the Rocky mountains they form the Intermediate scries described by R. G. McConnell as being brownish, irregularly hardened dolomites, and greyish, crystalline dolomites, with some sand-stones and quartities.

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As will be seen by the table, these rocks are found in South Dakota, Montana, and Alberta. They are not exposed in Mantoto or along the northwest margin of the Cretaceous plateau, but are confined to the Rocky Mountain uplift. They have been subdivided on lithological characters into upper and lower Banff limestones. These formations are each capped by shaly beds, from which have been obtained a few characteristic fossils. The formation is generally a bluish limestone, and forms the summits of Cascade and Rundle mountains, near Banff. A thickness of over 7,000 feet has been observed for the formation in the Bow valley.

Trinsein.

A series of red, sandy shales, capped by a thin bed of yellow dolomitic limestone, exposed along the western slopes of many of the ranges, occurs at Banff, and has been called the Upper Banff shale. Few fossils could be found at this locality, in these measures; but in their continuation north to the Brazeau, several shells resembling Monotis help the correlation with the Triassic rocks of the Peace and Pine rivers. South of the Kootenay pass these rocks are associated with a volcauic trap outflow. Jucassic

Fernie shale

In the locality where this formation received its name—near Fernie, B.C.—it consists of a series of black and brownish shales, 1,069 feet in thickness, overlying 500 feet of sandy argillites.—Eastward, through the Crowsnest pass, the series decreases in thickness, and at Blairmore, near the edge of the mountains, there is only 700 feet. On the Cascade river the section is 1,600 feet, and consists of black shales and grey sandstones, with an occasional limes one bed towards the base.—In the Moose Mountain area—an outlier of the Rockies—the thickness is only 225 feet. The formation has been traced northward to the Athabaska river, and preserves its general black, shaly appearance.—Few fossils have been obtained in these measures, but these are characteristic.—From near Fernie, Dr. Whiteaves describes Cardioceras Canadense in the Ottawa Naturalist, Vol. XVII, p. 65.

From Minnewanka lake, Mr. McConnell collected:

Terebratula robusta; also obtained in 1872 by J. Richardson, from Skidegate inlet, Queen Charlotte islands:

Ostrea Skidegatensis.

Exogyra sp. Lima perobliqua.

Pteria (Oxytoma) Corneuiliana, d'Orbigny.

Trigonoarea tumida; also from Mand island, Queen Charlotte islands.

Trigonia Dawsoni; also from south side Alliford bay, Queen Charlotte islands.

Astarte Carlottensis, east side Alliford bay and Iltasyouco river, B.C. Protocardia Hillana, also from Queen Charlotte islands.

Cyprina occidentalis, Lima island, Queen Charlotte islands. Pleuronomya Carlottensis, also from Maud island.

Schlanbachia borealis, also from Rink rapids. Yukon river. Schlænbachia gracilis.

The above list shows a remarkable similarity to the fauna of the "Lower Shales" of the Queen Charlotte Island series. Messrs. Staunton and Martin place his fauna well down in the Jurassie.1

On the Red Deer river, within the mountains, exposures are found containing great numbers of Bellemnites, and one small Ammonite describe Ary Dr. Whiteaves under the name Peltoceras occidentale. This is regarded as a purely Jurassic form.

On the headweters of Sheep River north, a thin limestone band in the formation was found to contain many small reptilian bones and teeth. Cretaceous

The lower member of this series of deposits is found resting upon the Jurassic in the Rocky mountains. In Manitoba it has not been recognized, and is supposed to have formed but a very thin sheet to the east. It is recognized in the southern part of Dakote, and in Montana. In the Rocky mountains the base of the formation is a heavy bed of sandstone, which is succeeded by sandstones and shales containing many coal seams. The maximum deposition during this period was west of the axis of the Rocky mountains. In the Elk River escarpment the formation measures 5,300 feet. East of this, at Blairmore, it is reduced to 740 feet. North, near Banff, it has a thickness of 3,900 feet; and in Moose mountain, east of the main range, there are only 375 feet. Northward, on the Bighorn, the thickness is about 2,000 feet. It would seem that east of the mountains the formation was not of great importance, owing to thinning of the beds. The fossils of the formation so far described are plants - ferns, cycads, and conifers.

#### Dakota

In the mountains, above the coal-bearing sandstone, conglomerates and sandstones that have a newer flora. The measures a series of are not distinctly coal-bearing, though a few thin seams are found. Fresh water conditions during this deposition prevailed in Dakota and Montana, and probably along the western margin; but northward, on the Athabaska river, the Tar sands representing a period contemporancous with the Dakota of Manitoba, have a marine fauna.

The thickness of the formation in Manitoba cannot be much over 200 feet. In the foothills a thickness of 150 feet seems to represent the formation; but westward, in the Elk River valley, a much greater thickness of coarser material is found.

Dark grey, almost black, shale of marine origin. In Manitoba the deposit is about 175 feet in thickness. In the footbills it is over 700 feet; but this undoubtedly includes the overlying Niobrara. Very few forms

Bull, Geol. Soc. Am., Vol. 16, p. 402, Ottawa Naturalist, Vol. XII., p. 37.

of animal life appear in these measures, but in Alberta they include such forms as *Inoceramus problematicus*, *Scaphites ventricosus*, *Prionscyclus Woolgari*,

Niobrara

In Manitoba, the formation consists of grey calcareous shales, which are an upward continuation of the Benton beneath. The thickness varies from 130 to 200 feet, though it is apparently much thicker in places. The upper part is rich in calcite, and is used in making a common grade of cement in Manitoba. The presence of Foraminitera is a characteristic feature of the formation. The fossils include Scripula semicoalita, Ostrea congesta, Anomia obliqua, Inoceramus problemations, Belemnitella Manitobensis, Loricula Canadensis, Ptychodus parvulus, Lamna Manitobensis, Enchodus Shumardi and Cladocyclus occidentalis.

Eagle

In the foothills the only exposure that can be correlated with the Eagle sandstone of Montana is a thin 50 ft, bed of light coloured sandstone.

Claggett The "lower dark shales" of Dawson in the Milk River region of southern Alberta—marine in origin, and holding fossils which are mainly the same as in the Pierre—have, in that locality, been given a thickness of 800 feet. In Manitoba—the lower part of the Pierre—the Millwood shales may represent this deposition. The fossils here found include a number of radiolaria and Pteria linguiformis, Inoceramus tenuilineatus, I. sagensis, Lucina occidentalis, Entalis panpereula, Dentalium gracile, Baculites compressus, Scaphites nodosus, Hylobites cretaceous, and frequents of fishes.

Belly River

The Judith River formation of Montana is found to continue north into Alberta, and to constitute there the beds already called "Belly River." No exposures occur east of Saskatchewan; but if the divisional line between the two portions of the Pierre in Manitoba marks the horizon occupied by them, there may be found thin beds to the east of those known. The formation is represented in the north, on Peace river, by the Dunvegan beds. In Alberta it is described as consisting of two divisions: an upper pale series, and a lower yellow part. In the upper, brackish water mollusks are found, consisting mainly of fresh water deposits. The lower portion is distinctly yellowish in colour, and is mainly a brackish water formation.

The rocks are sandy clays with shales and sandstones, and the total thickness of the formation seems to be 900 feet. The thickness of the part exposed in Alberta may be not far short of 900 feet, though it evi-

dently thins out eastward.

Coal seams occur in the upper or fresh water portion, and the fauna resembles very closely that of a Tertiary type in beds above. The most characteristic mollusk found is Corbula perundata, which is absent from the formation above. The collections from these beds include the following: Ostrea glabra, Ostrea subtrigonalis, Mytilus subarcuatus, Anaaonta propatoris, Unio primavus, Unio consuctus, Spharium formasum, Corbula subtrigonalis, Corbula perundata Physa Copci, Viviparus Conradi, with many vertebrate remains for which see No. 774, Contribution to Canadian Palæontology, Vol. 111.

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The Pierre-Foxhill of the writers of the geology of Saskatchewan and Alberta is without doubt that portion of the Pierre which is above the Belly River formation; but since it has been shown that the typical Pierre embraced beds below this shallow water and land deposit, new names have been suggested by Messrs. Stanton and Hatcher—Claggett for the lower shales, and Bearpaw for the upper. Few fossils have been obtained in Canada from the Claggett; but the Bearpaw, a similar grey clay shale, is found to be very rich in remains of animal life. A partial list only can be inserted here.

Fossils of the Bearpaw (Pierre):

Lingula nitida, Ostrea patina, Pteria linguiformis, Inoceramus altus, I. Nebrascensis, I. tenuilineatus, Modiola attenuata, Voldia seitula, Lucina occidentalis, Cyprina ovata, Protocardia subquadrata, S. borcalis, Mactra gracilis, Anisomyon centrale, Baculites compressus, Baculites grandis, Scaphites nodosus, Placenticeras placenta.

In Manitoba, the upper part of the Pierre is called Odanah, and may

represent the same time interval as the Bearpaw,

Edmonton

The Laramie rocks of Southern Saskatchewan are, over a large part, divisible into two distinct divisions. The lower one consists of about 150 fee: of feebly coherent, greyish, and pure white clays, sandy clays, and sands with occasional beds of carbonaceous shales and lignites. This lower unnamed part bears the same relation to the marine clays of the up, or Pierre that the Edmonton of Alberta does, and is here correlated with it.

In Alberta, the rocks of the southern part described as Laramie are divided into three divisions, and the lower part of the lowest member—the St. Mary River beds—is of about the same horizon as the Edmonton of northern Alberta. It is distinctly a series of light coloured clays and sands, and contains numerous coal seams. The deposits form a brackish water transition series between the marine clays of the upper Pierre or Bearpaw, and the Tertiary, or purely fresh water formation. The fossils consist of Dinosaurian remains, with land plants, and the following brackish-water forms: Ostrea glabra, Unio Dana, Corbicula occidentalis, Panopua simulatric, P. curta.

The thickness of the formation varies, but attains a maximum of 700 feet in central Alberta.

Tertiary

Paskapoo

This series consists of fresh water deposits, generally of yellowish sandstones and bluish grey and olive sandy shales. It embraces the upper part of the Laramie of southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, with a total thickness of about 5,700 feet. The remains of plants are numerous, and denote a flora of a temperate climate.

che fresh water fossils include: Unio Dana, Spharium formosum, Limnaa tenuicostala, Physa Copei, Acroloxus radiatulus, Thaumastus limnaiformis, Goniobasis tenuicarinata, Campeloma productus, Viciparus

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Isolated exposures of coarse grained material deposited on the croded surface of the Laranie (in northern Alberta the Paskapoo series) have been found to contain a considerable number of mammalian bones. These beds are characterized by the great quantity of waterworn pebbles derived from the quartities of the Rocky mountains.

# STRUCTURAL AND HISTORICAL GEOLOGY.

The structure of the region can only be briefly outlined. The subsidence during Palaeozoic times of parts of the central continental area is shown in the marine limestones outeropping in Manitoba and the Rocky mountains. Afterward the depressions in which the Mesozoic rocks were deposited first appeared in the longitude of the Rocky mountains, and Triassic and Jurassic deposits are there found. Early Cretaceous depositions occur in the same district following a shallowing of the sea, in which very little of the present continent was submerged The unconformity between the Cretaceous and the Palacozoic floor, on which it was laid down, is shown in the fact that, varying time intervals are there recorded. Thus, in Manitoba, Dakota beds lie on upper Devonian, and in the Rainy River district possibly on Archaan. In Stearns county, Dakota, the floor is Archaean; but on the southwest border, Jurassic, and probably lower Cretaceous, are separated by a probable unconformity. On the Athabaska river, marine beds of Dakota age rest on Devonian; while in the Rocky mountains there seems no visible break in the section through Carboniferous, Triassic and Jurassic, to the lowe 'known horizon of the Cretaceous. The floor then, on which the Cataceous was laid down, was probably a plane of erosion in which the formations occupy successive bands; the newer beds being those on the west.

The Cretaceous covering appears to have been deposited also in a somewhat irregular manner owing to crustal movements. The Aurassic and lower Cretaceous do not appear to have covered the widea, and indicate that the Jurassic sea invaded the area along a narrow dep. ession, now elevated in the foothills and Rocky mountains. Land conditions prevailed throughout portions of the early Cretaceous, but the occasional submergence extended a short distance east of the mountains; and in the United States to the south, appears to have gone as far as the Black hills, and part of Montana. The greatest amount of detrital matter is to be found, and evidence also of an abundant flora, along the western portion of this early Cretaceous depression.

A more general subsidence brought the sea farther northeast during Benton times, and covered the sandy deposits of the Dakota by a series of dark marine shales. In the western sections there is evidence of a possible shallowing at the top of the Benton; but in the east the sea continued to the close of the Niobrara.

The deposits of the Montana group indicate marine conditions; but its inception shows shallow water along the western margin. In the east, deeper water prevailed throughout. A shallowing of the western

part occurred about the middle of this period, and land conditions are there apparent. Land plants appear—preserved in coal seams. This area was egain invaded by the sea, and these sandy deposits were covered by marine shalos. The close of the Cretaceous is marked by an emergence from the sea; but during the periods of oscillation between land and shallow water conditions—when the surface remained near sea level—an abundant flora appears along with brackish water forms of animal life. The coal-bearing beds of this phase of the retreat of the sea have been called the Edmonton formation in northern Alberta; the St. Mary River series in southern Alberta; and the lower part of the Laramie in Saskatchewan.

Toward the close of the Laramie period the transfer of the great mass of deposits that had proceeded through Cretaceous times, began to unsettle the equilibrium of the area from which they had been derived, and the crustal movements which ended in the forcing up of the Rocky mountains, then commenced.

This movement seems to have been caused by a great lateral force shoving the crust from the southwest, and anticlinal ridges no doubt appeared, but soon developed into fault lines along which the Palaeozoic floor was pushed up from the west, to form the mountain ridges. The amount of this displacement decreases in the ranges toward the east, and in the foothills brings only the middle Cretaceous beds to the surface.

The erosion of the ridges thus formed supplied much of the material found in the Miocene beds. The conglomerates of the upper portions are apparently derived from the quartzites of the mountains.

# ECONOMIC GEOLOGY.

# GENERAL STATEMENT.

The economic value of the rocks of the Cretaceous, exposed as they are over an enormous area, lies chiefly in their coal-bearing beds. Although mainly sea deposits there are three horizons which show land conditions and evidences of plant life, and in these beds coal seams have been found.

A marine invasion of the central part of the continent during Creticeous time was preceded in the then existing low trough of the present Rocky Mountain area by an abundant flora, so that the early Cretaceous was coal-bearing.

These beds—known as the Kootanie series—were subsequently covered with a series of marine shales deposited by an invasion of the sea; but a shallowing of this sea over the western part also brought about land conditions again in later Cretaceous times, and vegetation spread eastward; which was in turn buried by shales in the last invasion by the sea.

This second flora is preserved in the beds of the Belly River formation, and in places forms important coal deposits.

At the close of Cretaceous times, when the continent finally emerged from this sea invasion, and while the land surface oscillated slightly at or near sea level, another mantle of vegetation covered the low ground. Coal seams were then formed, and in the rocks which succeed these coal beds, impressions of leaves, stems, and petrified wood, show an increasingly changeable climate, and probably an increasing altitude.

The last deposits of the Cretaceous and the early ones of the Tertiary form the third coal herizon, and include the Edmonton and the lower

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The three coal horizons thus found are: -

Folmonton-Larancie formations.

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## GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE COALS.

As is often found, the character of the coal varies with the age of the formation, and the amount of the covering beds. In this case the general law holds, but a far more important element has also influenced the alteration. The lateral disturbance and pressure in the formation of the Rocky mountains has made a great change in the character of the coal.

Edmonton-Larance coals. In the undisturbed regions the coals are lignites, but grade from those bordering on true coals in the west to poor lignites, having twenty per cent of moisture. In the disturbed area this formation contains coals that grade up from good lignites to true coals.

Belly River coals. In the undisturbed , rees the coals grade from true coal to lignite, as in the series above, but are generally of better class. In the disturbed belt they border on coking coals,

Kootanie coals. As these are in the lower measures, and have been subjected to greater load, they are, as would be expected, of higher grade, but as the exposures are all in the broken and faulted blocks of the mountain area, a much greater change has taken place than would be expected in undisturbed beds. The coals range from coking coals to anthracities. The anthracitic area is that of the Cascade basin—the greatest alteration being found near Bauff.

# The Flora of the Cretaceous Coal Measures.

The flora of the Cretaceous has formed the subject of many papers, mainly from the pen of Sir J. W. Dawson, supplemented in later studies by Professor D. P. Penhallow. The main economic value of these rocks is, without doubt, their coal contents; and although the whole land flora is not supposed to have entered into the composition of the coal beds, it is proposed to briefly summarize the general character of this flora.

The earliest Cretaceous plants appear in the Kootanie series, and although—according to Sir J. W. Dawson—there seems to have been a few species of a Jurassic aspect, the majority are to be correlated with those of Cretaceous beds elsewhere, and, therefore, the facies of the flora of the formation as a whole show a decidedly early Cretaceous aspect.

# Plants of the Kootanie Formation.

From the type locality-Elk River valley:

Dicksonia sp.; Asplenium martinianum, Dawson; A. Dicksonianum, Heer; A. distans, Heer; Dioonites borealis, Dawson; Podozamites lanceolatus, Lindley; Zamites Montana, Dawson; Z. acutipennis, Heer; Anomozanites acutiloba, Her; Sphenozamites sp.; Antholites horridus, Dawson; Salisburia (Ginkgo Sibiruca, Heer; S. lepida, Heer; S. nana, Dawson Baiera longifolia, Heer; Pinus Suskwaensis, Dawson; Sequoia Smittiana, Heer; Glyptostrobus Granlandicus, Heer; Taxodium cancatum, Newberry. From Canmore and Anthracite:

Three of the above species, namely, Asplenium martinianum, Zamites Montana, and Dioonites horealis. The following are additional:

Equisetum lyellii, Mantell: Angiopteridium Canme ense, Pewson: Pertopteris browniana, Dunker: Cladophlebis falcata, Fontaine: Aspidum frederickshurgense, Fontaine; Leptostrobus longifolius, Fontaine; Pinns nordenskioldii, Heer: P. anthraciticus, Dawson; Sphenolepidum pachyphyllum, Fontaine.

The series from Moose mountain contains the following:

Dryopteris fredericksburgensis (Font.), Knowlt.; Cycaddes longifolins Font.), Knowlton; Sagenopteris mantelli (Dunk), Schenk; Athrotaxopsis tomicaulis, Font.; Sagenopteris, n. sp., Thyrsopteris meckiana, Font.; Sequoia heterophylla, Vel.; Sequoia smittiana, Heer: Sagenopteris elliptica, Font.; Baicropsis pluripartita, Font.; Podozamites longifolius, Emmons.; Podozamites lanceolatus (Land H), Schimp; Thyrsopteris insignis, Font.; Thyrsopteris pecopteroides, Font.; Cladophlebis falcata, Font.; Zamites arcticus, Gopp.; Ginkgo hulloni magnifolia, Font.; Cladophlebis constricta, Font.; Cladophlebis distans, Font. (†); Nilsonia, n. sp.

In the foothills traces of a flora intermediate between the Kootanie and Dakota are found in the Mill Creek beds and in the Moose Mountain section, which is there assigned to the Dakota.

Dakota and transition beds.

The Mill Creek flora embraces the following forms:

Cleichener gracilis, Heer: G. kurriana, Dawson; Dicksonia munda, Dawson: Asplenum albertum, Dawson; Williamsonia recentior, Dawson; Platanus heeri, Lesq.; P. affinis, Lesq.; Liquidambar intearifolium, Lesq.; Alnites insignis, Dawson; Macclintockia cretacca, Heer; Proteoides daphnogenioides, Heer: Cinnamomum canadense, Dawson; Le arophyllum debile, Dawson; Laurus crassinercis, Dawson; Aralia rotundata, Dawson; Aralia westonii, Dawson; Hedera ovalis, Lesq.; Magnolia magnifica, Dawson; Paliurus montanus, Dawson; Paliurus ovalis, Dawson; Juglandites cretacca, Dayson.

From the Moose Mountain section of the Dakota beds the following

forms have been determined:

Carpolithus ternatus, Font.; Fruits, probably of Ginkgo; Sphenolepidium steinbergianum densiftorum, Heer; Ginkgo lepida, Heer; Ginkgo sibirica, Heer; Ginkgo, sp., male inflorescence.; Athrotaxopsis tenuicaulis, Font.; Nilsonia californica, Font.; Ginkgo huttoni, Heer; Thyrsopteris brevipennris, Font.

Judith River formation, Belly River of Dawson

From banks of the Belly river:

Pistia corrugata, Lesq.; Lemna scutata, D.; Brascoia antiqua, Dawson; Populus latidentata, Dawson; Acer Saskatchuense, Dawson; Sequoia Reichenbachii, Dawson

From Pine and Peace rivers:

Asplenium niobrara, D.; Cycadites unjiga, D.; Wson: Carpolithes horridus, Dawson; Glyptostroba gravellimus, Lesq.; Sequoia reichenbach ;, Heer: Torreia dieksonoides, Dawson; Fiens maxima, Dawson; Fagus proto-nucifera, Dn.; Laurophyllum debile, Dn.; Protoides longus, Heer: Betula sp.; Populites cyclophylla, Heer: Diospyros nitida, Dawson; Maqnolia tennifolia, Lesq.; M. magnifica, Dawson; Menispermites reniformes, Dn.; Protophyllum leconteanum, Lesq.; P. boreale, Dn.; P. rugosum, Lesq.

From Moose mountain:

Populus elliptica, Newb.; Petulites, sp.; Dioonites, sp.; Asplenium niobrara, Dn.; Athrotaxopsis tennicaulis, Font.; Asplenium dieksonia num, Heer; Thyrsopteris pecopteroides, Font.; Protophyllum haydenii, Lesq.; Cissites, sp.; Ginkgo baynesiana, Dn.; Ginkgo sibirica, Heer; Paliurus cretaceus, Lesq.; Paliurus ovalis, Dn.; Salix, sp.; Quereus rhamnoides, Lesq.; Juglans crassipes (?), Heer; Angiopteridium strictineve (?), Sphenopteris johnstrupi, Heer; Sequoia smittiana, Heer; Sequoia cuncata, Newb.; Sequoia reichenback, Heer; Sequoia ambigua, Heer; Alnites grandifolia, Newb.

Many of these forms are of a Dakota type, but the formation seems

to be situated above the horizon of the Colorado group.

Edmonton and Lowe Laramic of Saskatchewan,

Plants collected:

Abictites tyrrellii, Dawson; Sequoia reichenbachii, Heer; Platanus Newberryana, Heer; Taxodium occidentale, Newberry; Taxites Olriki, Heer; Lemna (spirodella) scutata, Dawson; Platanus nobilis, Newberry; Castanea, sp.; Sapindus affinis, Newberry; Esculus antiqua, Dawson; Trapa borealis, Heer; T. microphylla, Lesquereux.

# Paskapoo and Laramie.

The flora of this formation has been preserved in the sandstones as leaves and fossilized woods; coal seams occur, but not in as great number as in the Edmonton. As the plants are scattered through the formation a greater variety have been found, many of which possibly may be found in the lower part and in the Edmonton. The list is a long one, but has not been compiled hitherto into one. The determinations are by Sir J. W. Dawson and D. P. Penhallow.

List of Tertiary plants:

Onoclea sensibilis, Newberry; Sphenopteris quyottii, Lesq.; 'S. blomstrandi, Heer; Lastrea fisheri, Heer; Davallia (Stenoloma) tenuifolia, Linn; Equisetum arcticum, Heer; Thuga interrupta, Newberry; Sequoia couttsii, Heer; S. nordenskioldii, Heer; S. langsdorfii, Heer; G. yptostrobus curopeus,

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# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMATIONS AND AREAS.

A general résumé of the extent and coal content of the measures of the three coal horizons previously enumerated is here discussed, with references to reports in which full details may be found. The lowest horizon is discussed first.

#### Kootanic Formation.

This being at the base of the Cretaceous, and near the limestone beds which represent the Carboniferous and Devonian, is exposed only in and near the Rocky mountai - The faults and uplifts which bring up the limestone beds have also crevated these coal measures, but a great part has been denuded. As the general system of mountain building for the outer ranges of the mountains is a series of fault blocks dipping mostly to the west, these blocks have often remnants on their rear slopes of the overlying Kootanie, and the coal measures are usually to be found against the next succeeding fault block. Within the mountains the coal fields are generally found in long narrow strips between the ranges. The thickness of the formation which is coal-bearing reaches a maximum in the Elk River valley of 4,700 feet, in which there are twentytwo workable seams. The minimum is to the cast, and in the foothills has been found to be not much over 200 feet, with only three good coal scams. In addition to the Alberta areas the Kootanic is also found on the western slope within the Province of British Columbia. This is the Elk River or Crowsnest field --perhaps the most important in Canada.

The Alberta areas are not individually as extensive, but are distributed from near the International Boundary to near the Athabaska river.

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The base of the measures is generally marked by a heavy bed of sandstone, above which is a succession of sand tones and shales rich in coal seams, varying in thickness in the different fields. The top of the formation where the coal scams are found is marked by coarse con glomerate in the southern areas, but finer toward the north.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA AREAS. 1

The areas in British Columbia, or the Elk river, are divided into two portions. The southern one -for which Fernie is the largest shipping point -has a length north and south of about thirty miles, and a maximum width of twelve or thirteen miles, with an estimated area of 230 square miles. The coal-bearing rocks have in several sections been found to have a thickness as great as 4,700 feet. In this area there are twenty-two workable seams, with a total of 216 feet of coal, 100 feet of which are estimated as workable. This would give a total workable coal content for the district of 22,600,000,000 tons.

The coal is a high grade bituminous, occasionally running into anthracitie. The majority of the seams are used for the manufacture of coke, but steam coal is a product as well. The collieries are situated at Coal Creek, near Fernie, Michel, Morrissey and Hosmer. The northern part of this coal field extends from about twenty-four miles north of Michel creek, to the height of land at the Kananaskis river, a distance of nearly forty miles. The width does not exceed seven miles as a maximum, and toward the north diminishes to a vanishing point at the source of the Kananaskis

The area has been computed to be about 140 square miles, and the number of workable coal seams is large. In one place, Aldridge creek, for example, it is estimated at sixteen square miles, with a total thickness of 163 feet of coal. If 100 feet be extracted, then, on the assumption that the whole area of 140 miles is of equal value, the total coal may be estimated at, say, 100,000,000 tons per square mile, or a total of 14,000,000,000 tons.

#### ALBERTA AREAS.

The areas in Alberta crossed by the Crows Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific railway within the mountains, including those mined at Coleman, Frank, Lille, Belleview and several other collieries, are discussed under the two following headings:

#### Coleman Area.

The Coleman area is a narrow belt, or fault block, with the measures dipping to the west. It can be considered to have a breadth of one and a half miles, and its longitudinal extension, although not definitely known,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Sum. Rep., G. S. Dept., 1900, pp. 85-95.

Sum. Rep., G. S. Dept., 1901, pp. 75-79. Sum. Rev., G. S. Dept., 1905, pp. 59-60. Sum. Rev., G. S. Dept., 1902, pp. 167-179.

is approximately thirty miles. The measures are known to have seams aggregating over 100 feet of coal, and if 50 feet be assumed for workable thickness, this represents a total of 2,000,000,000 tons.

# Blairmore-Frank Area, 1

The Blairmore-Frank area is irregular in outline, and probably twentyfive miles long by two to three miles wide. The coal content is probably over 50 feet of workable coal; though possibly not all of it can be reached, owing to the many faults and flexures in the formation. An estimate of fifty square miles, from which say 30 feet might possibly be won, would give for this area approximately 1,500,000,000 tons. In general character, the coal in the Coleman, Blairmore, and Frank areas is a bituminous coking, and steam coal, with from 10 per cent to 14 per cent

# Livingstone Area.2

An important area not yet thoroughly prospected is crossed by Livingstone, Highwood, and Sheep Creek upper waters. On the south branch of Sheep creek important seams have been discovered, and it may be assumed that, within an area of sixty miles in length, workable seams underlie, averaging more than a mile in width. The quantity of coal available can only be approximately estimated; but if 30 feet only be assumed as a probable thickness, the total available might amount to 1,500,000,000 tons.

#### Moose Mountain Area.3

The Moose Mountain area south of Morley forms an oval ring, embracing an exposure of limestone forming Moose mountain. The beds are much thinner than within the ranges, and show an evident tendency toward a loss of coal also. Two seams of coal have been opened on the east side of the mountain, of 7 and 8 feet in thickness, respectively. In each of the seams the character continues to be of good grade steam coal, as the appended analyses will show. The formation is cut by several streams, the valleys of which give access to the seams, and a great deal of this coal will be mined. Further prospecting in this area is reported, and a thick seam of 20 feet added to the above coal content.

The area is, roughly speaking, twenty-five miles long; and as it encircles the mountain, an average width for this length may be taken as one mile of available ground. This area, with 15 feet of coal, should produce 250,000,000 tons.

#### Cascade Area.4

The Cascade area extends from south of Kananaskis river to within about twelve miles of the Saskatchewan. The coal measures are not

<sup>Sum. Rep., G. S. Dept., 1902, pp. 167-179.
Sum. Rep., C. S. Dept., 1903, pp. 83-87.
Sum. Rep., G. S. Dept., 1905, p. 67. Moose Mountain district, by D. D. Cairnes, No. 968.
Part B, Annual Report, Vol. I. (1885). Part D, Vol. II. (1886). Sum. Rep., 1903, p. 88. Sum. Rep., 1904, p. 107. Cascade Coal Basin, No. 949.</sup> 

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continuous throughout this whole extent, but are interrupted by denudation and folds at the headwaters of the Cascade and Panther rivers. The beds to the south of Kananaskis river are divided in the centre by an anticline into two arms that narrow to two folds, which gradually pass upward, and are eroded away. North of this stream to the Bow valley there is a thick block of measures dipping to the southwest, with a decided trough in the upper members of the series. At the northern end there are ten coal seams, each over 4 feet in thickness: the thickest of the upper ones reaching 15 feet. The total of these seams amounts to 68 feet.

From Wind mountain northward the masses are planed off to the slope of the sides of the Bow valley, and at Canmore mining is all below the level of " entrances, and the beds are found very much folded. North of the .... the coal in a large block east of Cascade mountain is

being mined from the Cascade river at Bankhead.

No great area of coal land can be looked for between the Cascade and Panther rivers; though there are some beds not eroded from the hills at the centre of the valley. North of the latter stream several seams have been found. North of Red Deer river the section shows fifteen seams, between 4'-6", and 11 feet in thickness, giving a total of 94 feet.

The coal found in the various parts of the area varies in composition

from anthracite, to bituminous.

In the portion on the Cascade river and south to the Kananaskis, the lower seams may be said to be anthracite, or anthracitie; while in some places, the upper ones approach bituminous. In the northern part of the trough, north of the Red Deer, bituminous coals are found. Any estimate of the total amount of the anthracite would be entirely tentative, as the coal varies in hardness; but in an area forty miles long, and half a mile wide, the lower seams should be nearly all anthracite; and if we allow only 24 feet as the available part of these scains, we have a total of 400,000,000 tons of anthracite. The softer grades over the same area should amorat to as much, and, allowing a working thickness of 50 feet in the area north of the Red Deer-ten square miles -and a similar amount for the Wind Mountain area, there should be a total of 1,200,000,000 tons.

East of this Cascade basin there are only two areas that appear to contain coal of economic importance.

# Palliser Area.<sup>1</sup>

This area is crossed by Panther river, which almost divides it into two parts. The total coal area available is not over six square miles.

The coal seams are not many in number, and a 5 foot seam might be mined over a limited portion, so that a total of 20,000,000 tons may be estimated as the total possibilities of the area.

#### Costigan Area.2

This area lies to the east of the Palliser, and is a better block of coal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Cascade Coal Basin, No. 969, p. 34, <sup>2</sup>Cascade Coal Basin, No. 969, p. 35, and Sum. Rep., 1907, pp. 38-40. Sum. Rep., 1904 pp. 116-121. 1890—3½

rocks. The seams are not numerous, however, and although four or five are known on the western edge of the basin, there appear to be only two workable seams with about 8 feet of coal outcropping at the east. The area is triangular, with the widest part along Panther river, extending north to the Red Deer river. The possible area to be mined is perhaps less than twelve square miles, and the total coal on this assumption is about 60,000,000 tons.

# Sheep Creek Areas.

Northeast of the extreme range of the Cascade coal basin, two areas are known to occur within the mountains; but as they have been very slightly prospected, no estimate of their extent has been made, other than their delineation on the map.

# Bighorn Basin,1

From the Saskatchewan north, an outer range of mountains reaches nearly to the Brazeau river. Behind this the coal measures are exposed on several streams, and are found to contain about 60 feet of workable coal. The character is bituminous, and probably coking. The area is not well defined, but is known to be thirty miles long, and workable in some parts for a width of two miles. If an attempt at an estimate of the total tonnage is made on the basis of this area, it might be safe to assume thirty square miles, with a thickness of 50 feet of coal, which would give 1,400,000,000 tons.

The best section of the measures is obtained on the south branch of the Brazeau river. Nine seams varying from 14'-5" to 3'-11" are found, with a total thickness of 66'-4" of workable coal.

Other coal areas north and east of this, near the mountains, are reported, but it is in a country not fully mapped. If it can be assumed that the same measures are again exposed, the estimate of the available coal can be considerably added to. Between the Brazeau and the Saskatchewan a second outer range of limestone hills can be seen, and this would indicate other coal areas, provided the measures do not thin out, as they do to such an alarming extent from the Cascade basin eastward through the Costigan, or from the south end of the Cascade eastward in the Moose mountains.

# BELLY RIVER COAL FORMATION.2

The second coal horizon lies above the Kootanie, and is separated from it by dark marine shales, which represent a period of depression in which this part of the continent was below sea level. The rise which followed was arrested when the surface of this deposit reached sea level, and vegetation again spread over the plain. The remains of this vegeta-

Sum, Rep., G. S. Dept., 1906, pp. 72-73.
 Sum, Rep., G. S. Dept., 1907, p. 33.
 Report on the Region in the Vicinity of the Bow and Belly rivers. G. M. Dawson, Report of Progress, 1882-4, Part C.

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tion, compressed to coal, form an important field; for although the seams are not thick, the quality in the western portion of the exposed part is above the general average of figure, and approaches true coal. In Saskatchewan it has so far been found to contain very thin seams of inferior coal in the northern part of the area, and possibly a 4 ft. seam in the southern border.

The general distribution of the rocks of this formation, as exposed at the surface, is shown on the map (No. 1,010). The shape of the area there shown, is roughly that of a duck's head and neck, and over the part comprising the head, few exposures of coal are noted; but there are chances that settlers may find in their wells indications of coal. This portion owes its exposure to a slight anticline in the beds which brings them to the surface along a line that follows the direction of the roll. The other portion, the neck, is the great depression, too wide to be called a valley, into which the waters of the Belly, Bow, and Red Deer rivers, drain. The formation westward disappears beneath the trough which runs through McLeod northward past Calgary, but reappears in several narrow bands in the foothills. At the northwest corner of the map, in the Peace River country, two areas in which coal is found are regarded as of the same age as the Belly River formation.

The principal exposures of coal in this formation are on the Belly river near Lethbridge. The coal is of a better grade than in the beds

above it in the same vicinity.

South of Lethbridge the exposures include a few on the Milk River ridge, and one on St. Mary river about six miles above its mouth, with a thickness of 3'-8". At Lethbridge the main seam is 5'-6", and is mined at several localities nearby. Other seams are noted below the mouth of Little Bow river—one of 3'-3"; and, ten miles above Medicine Hat, a 4 ft. seam is exposed in the river bank. At Stair two seams, 4 feet and 5'-3", were mined for a time. The thicker one reappears below the bend, and has been traced as far as twenty-five miles below Medicine Hat.

Small seams have been found as far as the mouth of Red Deer river. On this stream three seams are known below the mouth of Bull Pound creek, having thicknesses of 1'-3", 1'-6", and 3'-6", which are evidently at about the same position in the series as the Lethbridge seams. On Bow river the Lethbridge seam is represented by a 4'-6" seam, in tp. 17, R. 17, west of the 4th meridian, and, according to Dawson's map, should pass the Canadian Pacific railway near Bantry station.

On the eastern slope of the depression the Lethbridge seams should be represented by the coal found around the western base of the Cypress hills; the whole formation underlying the rocks forming that elevation. Near Irvine station a 4 ft. seam has been found, which has unfortunately

not been analysed; but it is probably lignite.

The continuation of the beds eastward under the rocks of the plains can only be conjectured; but it is thought that they may thin out considerably and lose their coal-bearing character. Such occurrences as the drift coal below Prince Albert, and coal in the drift near Souris, Manitoba, are possibly evidences of this continuation.

# In the Foothills.3

In the strip which runs through the foothills large portions are not prospected, but for one area at wast we have more details. This comprises the foothills south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, as far as Highwood river. On the Stoney reserve, south of Morley station, there is a 6 ft. seam in this formation. Several exposures on Jumpingpound and Elbow rivers have workable seams. The old Sheep Creek coal mine, south branch Sheep creek, is in this formation. Seams are reported south of this on Highwood river. Near Kananaskis station, the Rocky Mountain outer range overrides these beds, but it is not known whether or not they contain coal. Seams of lignitic coal in the mountains probably belong to this formation, since they appear to be higher beds than the coal-bearing ones just within the mountains farther down the stream, and identified as Kootanie.

### Peace River.2

Two areas of these rocks are known in the Peace River country: one in Alberta reaching from Smoky river to the valley of Peace river, and extending northwesterly up that stream. Thin seams only are known. An analysis of coal from one of these on Smoky river is given.

wearer the mountains, in the area belonging to British Columbia. better exposures have been found; and near the canyon of the Peace river, seams as thick as 9 feet are reported, though most of those from which analyses were obtainable, are of scarcely workable dimensions.

#### Arca.

The area over which the Belly River formation is exposed is not far short of 25,000 square miles. If a workable seam of 4 feet were found to occur under this area, an enormous amount of coal would eventually be procured from the earth. This estimate would probably be excessive. Take as productive a total of this 5,000 square miles, with 4 feet of coal: the figures for tonnage would approximate to 13,000,000,000 tons.

#### Edmonton-Laramie Coal Formations.3

In Saskatchewan, the Laramie formation occupies the summit of some of the plateaus, and portions of elevations such as the Cypress hills. It is quite evident that, from a great portion of the plains these rocks have been worn away, and what remains is merely the lower portion of the formation which is generally coal-bearing.

In Alberta the coal-bearing portion is called Edmonton formation, and forms there a trough filled along the centre by heavy sandstone

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Moose Mountain district. By D. D. Cairnes, No. 968, <sup>2</sup>Report of Progress, 1875-6, pp. 6, 53. Report of Progress, 1879-80, pp. 117, 119, 134-136 B. Report of Progress, 1882-1884, pp. 25-39 M. <sup>3</sup>Report on Northern Alberta, Annual Report, 1886, Vol. H., Part E. and Report of Progress, 1873-4, pp. 17-65.

deposits of Tertiary age the Paskapoo series. This trough widens towards the north, and also flattens, exposing a larger area of coal rocks than in the southern part. The productive area, therefore, forms a band surrounding the central sandstone portion, and dipping under it. On the eastern side the re-appearance from below is often accompanied by more or less disturbance, such as folds or waves, and faults. In this portion the effect of pressure has consolidated the coal to a greater extent, hence its character is improved.

The general description of the coal horizons of the Edmonton formation is summarized in Mr. J. B. Tyrrell's report on Northern Alberta, and is concise enough to be inserted in this sketch. On page 148 E of Vol. H. Annual Report of the Geological Survey of Canada, 1886, he

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Present known in the Paskapoo series (just above this coal formation) outcrops on the North Saskatchewan, twelve miles above the mouth of Yapoo or Buck creek, in township 49, range 7, west of the 5th principal meridian. The outcrop of the seam is very much obscured by land slides, but in one place a thickness of 15 feet of lignitic coal was measured, and the bottom of the seam was not seen. In another place, five miles distant, this seam was seen to have a thickness of 8 feet. Taking, therefore, 11′ 6″ as the mean thickness of this seam throughout the five miles down the river, and assuming that it extends for at least a mile over either side of the river valley, this area would be underlaid by 140,000,000 tons of lignitic coal. This appears to be the same coal horizon that is represented by a thin seam both on the upper part and near the mouth of Paskapoo or Blindman river, and at the trail crossing on Rosebud creek.

"At the top of the Edmonton series, between 400 and 500 feet below the last mentioned seam, there is a very persistent coal horizon that is seen cropping out on the North Saskatchewan with a thickness of 25 feet, on the Red Deer with a thickness of 10 feet, on Devils Pine creek with a thickness of 4'-6", on Threehills creek with a thickness of over 2 feet, and on Kneehills creek with a thickness of 4 feet. It is impossible, at present, to compute the enormous amount of lignite, but the following figures may be given as the quantity that may be relied on with considerable certainty as occurring in the immediate vicinity of some

of the above outcrops.

"On the North Saskatchewan the seam was seen to extend in a straight line for three miles, retaining its 'hickness of 25 feet; and for several miles farther, large outcrops were seen that could not easily be measured. It was also, in one place, seen to extend a mile back from the river. If we take then a length of three miles of this seam, a width of a mile on each side of the valley, and a thickness of 20 feet, in order to allow for any local constrictions, this small area would be found to contain over 150,000,000 tons. On the Red Deer river the seam contains 12,500,000 tons per square mile; on Devils Pine creek, 5,500,000 tons per square mile; on Kneehills creek, 5,000,000 tons per square mile, and in the valley of this latter stream the seam was traced for from two to three miles down the creek. The line of outcrop of this seam

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has, therefore, been traced more or less continuously for 180 miles, and as will be seen by referring to the preceding pages, the lignite coals at the

outcrops were of good quality.

"Throughout the Edmonton series there are various other coal seams of greater or less extent, many of which will be opened as the country becomes more fully developed; but the one that appears to be most persistent is found at a height of about 160 feet above the bottom of the series. At the mouth of Rosebud creek this seam was found to have a thickness of 6'-10", while on Battle river and Meeting creek, it has a thickness of 4 feet, representing 5,000,000 tons per square mile. This is essentially the same coal horizon that is again seen at Edmonton, on the North Saskatchewan, though it is hardly likely that the same seam is continuous throughout."

# Alberta: Localities of Exposures of Edmonton Coal.

Few exposures of coal are known south of the Little Bow river. This district has not, however, been thoroughly examined, and the proximity of the Lethbridge mines—which produce a better grade than most of the coals of this formation—has discouraged prospecting.

On the Bow river, near Crowfoot crossing, two seams of 3 feet, and 4-6" respectively, seem to be worth working. A small mine has been

opened on Crowfoot creek, by shaft, to a 9 ft. seam.

On Red Deer river, seams of 5 feet and 6 feet, are reported near the mouth of Rosebud river; and on a branch—Kneehills creek—a 4 ft.

seam is exposed.

Near the outlet from Buffalo lake two seams outcrop, the lower one occupying 18 feet of beds. The lower part (3 feet) is good lignite; in the upper portion about 3 feet are also of fair quality. The upper seam outcrops above Tail creek, and it has a great thickness of shaly material interstratified with the coal; but there is at the top a clear bench of 5 feet of coal.

On Battle river a few of the seams of this horizon are exposed. At the outh of Meeting creek a seam of 4'-6" appears on the west bank,

an hers probably occur above this.

der the town of Edmonton a couple of seams are being worked. The seams above 6 feet in thickness, are of a good class for domestic use. The same seams underlie a large area in this vicinity, and are worked at many points. The principal mines are here, and at Morinville, north of Edmonton.

Skirting the edge of the sandstones which occupy the central part of the coal areas, it will be noticed on the map that, there is in the northern portion a persistent coal band. On the Red Deer river it appears to have only 5 feet of good coal in its upper part; but where this upper seam crosses the Saskatchewan above Edmonton it is a very valuable deposit, which is generally spoken of as the Big seam. This has 25 feet of coal, divided, 10 feet from the top, by 12 inches of shale. The continuation of this seam crosses the Pembina river, near the location adopted by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and will here certainly be mined. There are several heavy coal seams exposed, showing thicknesses of 26

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feet, 10 feet, 13 feet, and a lower one of 6 feet. Analyses of these are

given in the table

Exploration of the northern continuation of the field has been hanted; the outlining of the area being about all that has been attempted. Heavy beds of coal are found on the Athichaska above McLeod river, that may represent the horizon of the big seam of the Saskatchewan. In the narrow band that intervenes between the sandstone of the centre of the trough and the disturbed area of the foothills, these coal beds undoubtedly reappear, and valuable coal beds have been found in them. There are probable repetations of these beds all through the foothills as the latter, especially to the north, are formed of rocks which have been faulted along lines parallel to the mountain ranges, so that the beds are repeated many times. In the country along the route to the Yellowhead pass, coal-bearing rocks of this formation are found close to the mountains.

The geological structure of this area is not well known, and, therefore, there is no attempt on the map to indicate the seams or coal areas. On the Pembina, Brazeau, and Saskatchewan, heavy lignite seams are known to outcrop in the band as marked. An analysis of the coal at Rocky Mountain House, near the confluence of the Clearwater and Saskatchewan, shows it to be of better grade than that farther down

the river.

On Red Deer river a 10 ft. seam, in range VII, west of the 5th meridian, is of this horizon, and west of Cochrane, at the Old Bow River mine, two seams which are reported as being = 6", and 7'-7" thick, respectively, are certainly of better grade than at thing east of this point.

This band crosses Sheep creek near the forks of the north and south branches, and lignites may there be looked for. On Highwood river a small seam is noted in range II, which is probably in this horizon.

Behind the Porcupine hills the beds have not been traced, but nearing the Crowsnest river they are found again. A 7 ft. seam near Cowley is probably in the Edmonton formation, as well as others on Pincher creek.

It is impossible to make any just estimate of the total amount of coal in this formation, as the area over which it is spread is so extensive, and the thickness of the coal seams so uncertain, that, an over-estimate

would probably be the result.

South of Bow river the eastern portion does not seem to have much coal exposed. If we assume that from the Bow river north, to Edmonton, the formation will average a workable 6 ft. seam, this alone, with its area of 10,800 square miles, would give a total of 60,000,000,000 tons. Part of this area would not be productive; but on the other hand the heaviest seams at the top of the formation go under the sandstone capping of the trough, and may be reached from the area not here considered as coal-bearing. Again, the northern portion not here considered in the estimate, will certainly be able to furnish many millions of tons. The strip near the foothills is more certain in its coal-bearing possibilities, as seams reported as high as 20 feet in thickness are found north of the Saskatchewan, and at intervals, smaller ones are known nearly, to the south. This area may roughly be called 400

6 miles wide, or over 2,000 square miles. This, with an average of 6 feet of coal, represents a possibility of 11,000,000,000 tons of good lignite: even approaching true coal in many places.

# Saskatchewan Arcas.1

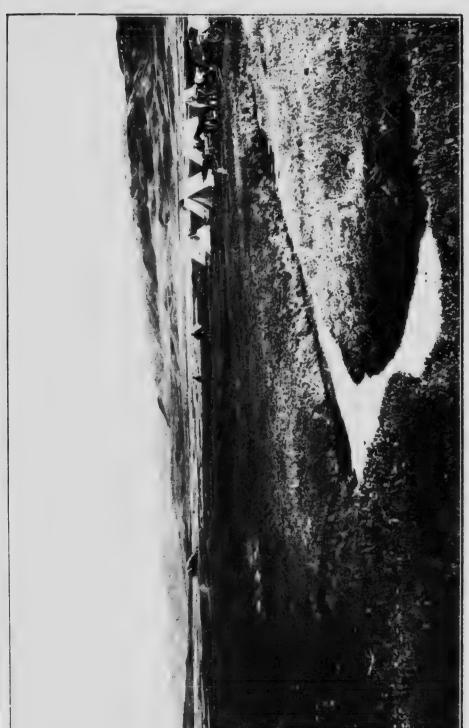
This is the portion of the Edmonton-Laramie previously referred to, which is not subdivided as in Alberta into two formations. The exposures of Laramie coal are mainly in the southern portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Besides the areas shown on the map, it may be noted that, others in the north, especially on the summits of the more elevated portions, may be found by boring through the surface soil, and the possibilities of supplying the northern parts of the treeless country with serviceable fuel will be much increased. Reports of coal seams having been found in well borings near Prince Albert, have also been heard, but no definite information is at hand.

In the Cypress hills, and on the Coteau, these beds occur in the elevated portions of the country; but east of the Coteau there seems to be a basin in which they dip down to the east, and so underlie the area traversed by the Souris river. The erosion of the valley of this stream in its great bend south into Dakota has separated the Souris area from its continuation in southern Manitoba, which is found again in Turtle mountain.

The area that is best known is the vicinity of Estevan on the Souris. Mining has been carried on here for several years. The seams are found exposed on the river banks, and located elsewhere by boring. An 8 ft. seam is mined, though on some of the properties, near Bienfait, this is thickened up to 15 feet. Over a large part there are, per section, at least 7,000,000 tons of lignite available. Eight townships of this vicinity would, therefore, have a possible 2,000,000,000 tons. Coal will be found north to near Weyburn station, and west of this, outcrops have been recorded on the Souris, in tp. 3, R. 45. Along the International Boundary, in about the same longitude, seams are exposed on Big Muddy creek, draining Willowbunch lake. These are of low grade lignite, and the seams are respectively 3 feet and 5 feet in thickness. At the crossing of Poplar river, in tp. 1, R. 29, west of the 2nd meridian, there is an exposure of an 18 ft. seam of lignite of about the same quality of coal as at Souris river.

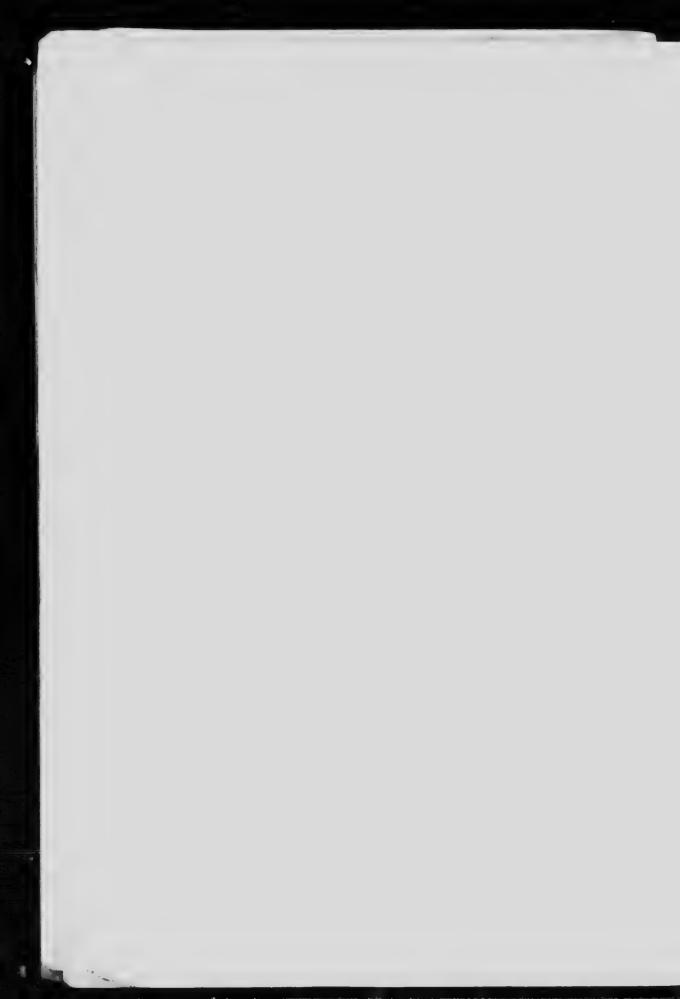
Near the old Mounted Police post at Wood mountain, seams of 6 and 5 feet respectively have been opened, and have proved good domestic fuel. The same may be said of exposures at Willowbunch settlement. West of this the lignite beds underlie portions of the Swift-current plateau, In the Cypress hills a 4 ft. seam is recorded at the head of Lodgepole creek; so that, with the scattered areas in which coal seams have been found, exclusive of the Souris area, there are nearly 4,000 square miles on which there is good chance of finding coal. This area is capable of producing, for every foot thickness of coal worked, 3,720,000,000 tons, which, with the smallest workable thickness of 4 feet, means 13,000,000,000 tons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ann. Report, Vol. I., 1885, part C. Ann. Report, Vol. XV., 1902-3, part b



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#### Manitoba 1

The elevation called Turtle mountain, near the International Boundary in Manitoba, rises above a plain of denudation which is underlain by shales of the upper part of the Cretaceous. The hill is composed mostly of sandy beds belonging to the top of the formation, some of which are undoubtedly of the same age as the Edmonton series. Lignite seams have been found near the base where the surface deposit is easily penetrated. Higher up the slope there is a thick r mantle of drift, and owing to there being less settlement on the higher ground, this part remains unprospected, so that the known occurrences are as yet confined to the lower slopes. On the summit of the hill coal is reported in two places. The thickest seam so far found is between 6 and 8 feet, representing 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 tons per square mile.

The available area so far known does not exceed forty-eight square miles, but if only a workable seam of 4 feet were found, the available

coal for this area would be 160,000,000 tons.

## CLASSIFICATION OF COAL.

In the preceding description and estimate of coal content it is intimated that there is a great variety in the quality of the coals there mentioned. Our knowledge of these is gleaned from the analyses which have been made from time to time. In the earliest there seemed to be a tendency to disregard the moisture content, and some of the analyses are results obtained by slow coking. These give a different ratio between the fixed carbon and volatile matter from that obtained by fast coking. Fortunately in the majority of the analyses—especially with those made since 1880—the fast coking process was used, consequently a comparison of the coals so treated is possible. It is also assumed that, none of the samples which reached the assayers retained all the moisture originally contained, but were practically air dried.

#### Various ratios used.

Various schemes have been suggested for classification. In the classification of English coals, the ratio between the oxygen and hydrogen percentages is used, along with that of total carbon. A suggestion has also been made for a very complex classification, under which certain classes based upon carbon percentages are subdivided according to hydrogen percentage; a classification analogous to a division into generic and specific types. In Pennsylvania, for the harder coals, the practice has been to arrange the coals in order of fuel ratio: that is, the relation between the fixed carbon and the volatile combustible matter. This system of classification answers very well for the eastern coals; but when considerable moisture is present there is less distinction under it between the lignites and the bituminous coals than there should be. A classification of the lower grade coals, according to moisture content, is imperfect,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Summary Report, 1902, p. 191.

as under such a classification well solidified coals that do not break down on drying, but which are high in hygroscopic moisture, fall into the same class as poor lignites with the same moisture content.

# Ratio Suggested.

In the scale recently adopted by the United States Geological Survey, namely, the relation between the total carbon and the total hydrogen, ultimate analysis of each sample is necessary; hence the use of this scale is applicable in but few of the records we have at our disposal; but to approximate the same relative scale I have suggested using our proximate analyses and combining both the fuel ratio and the moisture content in what might be called the "split volatile ratio," as discussed in a paper before the Canadian Mining Institute, March, 1908.

In the classification which is introduced on a later page of the series of analyses for the coal fields of the prairie provinces, this ratio is used.

Split volatile ratio Fixed carbon  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  Volatile combustible.

Moisture  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  Volatile combustible.

The resultant numerical value for the ratio as above indicated, if applied to the following scale, gives the class to which the coal belongs.

# Scale of Ratios.

Anthracite	15	up
Semi-anthracite	13	to 15
Anthracitic coal	10	to 13
High carbon bituminous	6	to 10
Bituminous	3.2	to 6
Low carbon bituminous	3	to 315
Lignitic coal	2:5	to 3
Lignite	1:0	to 2.5

To illustrate the working of this scheme, a series of analyses in which the calorific value of the coals is also obtainable, have been recalculated to enable the three elements: water, volatile combustible, and fixed carbon content, to make a constant quantity (in this case 100), and the analyses then plotted, so that, inspection of the diagram will give a better indication of the relative values.

The following table gives (1) the ordinary analysis; and (2) the recalculated amounts for ash free coal. This scheme is shown on diagram No. 1. The diagrammatic method lends itself very readily to comparisons of fuel values. On the upper portion is plotted, for each, the heat value in British thermal units, determined by experiment when reduced to ash free coal.

The great disparity in the results is in some instances known to be due to the samples having been from very much weathered outcrops. Those from inside mines are marked by a cross. These maintain a high average among their associates; but one is evidently given a higher place than it deserves, probably on account of the large percentage of ash in the sample analysed. In the event of a small decrease in ash in the sample

burned in the calorimeter, the result expanded for free coal might easily go too high.

The late experiments on the weathering of coal show enormous losses in calorific power after exposure to the air: and it can be assumed that, the majority of these samples are more or less affected, the mine samples along with the rest suffering thereby.

The only series of tests that we can rely upon as being of fresh coal are, the United States tests inaugurated at St. Louis. An approximate maximum line is drawn on the diagram by inference from the same class of coals from this series.

A minimum line might also, in a few cases, be got by selecting specimens from the outcrop, and testing them.

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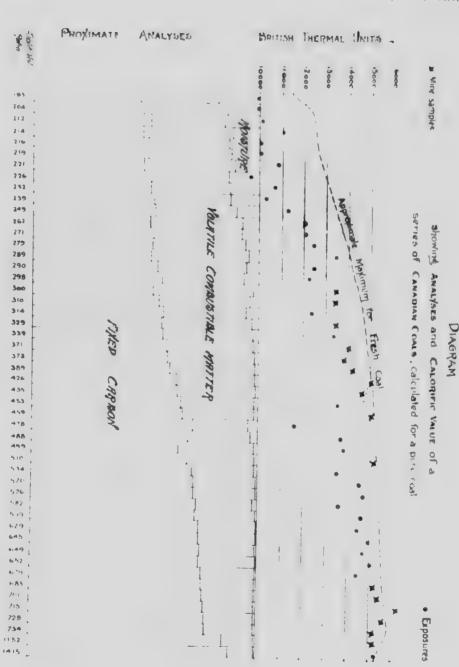
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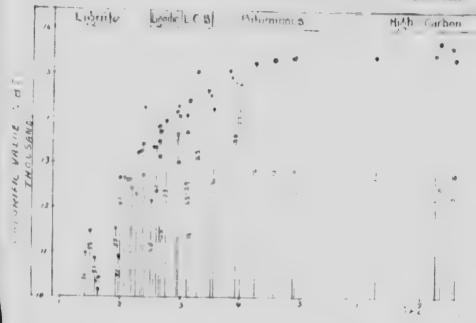
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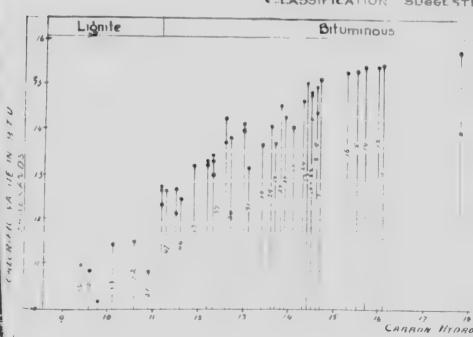
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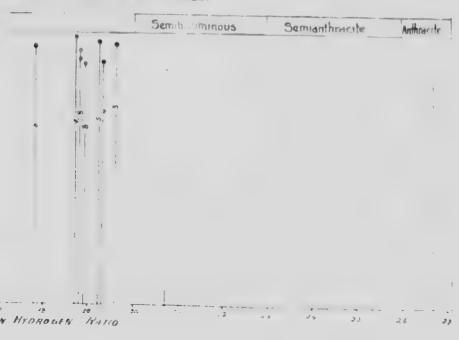


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So far it is apparent that no system of classification can be deemed perfect until the arrangement gives not only a perfect gradation from lignite to anthracite, but also a uniform, increasing or decreasing value in its heating properties. If the arrangement is by calorific value, then the bituminous coals should be at the head.

In order to judge by comparison between the carbon-hydrogen ratios and the split volatile, the series of coals given in the report on the operations of the coal-testing at St. Louis, 1904 (Professional Paper No. 48), page 169, are arranged in diagrammatic form under both ratios, and the calorific values plotted for each. The carbon-hydrogen ratio gives a very acceptable curve for the calorific values; but there are marked variations from it, which show several classed too high, and some too low.

With the same set of specimens, and using the proximate analyses of the air-dried coals, they have been rearranged by the split volatile ratio, and again plotted in the same manner. The curve for the poorer coals is steeper, but the arrangement does not show much more aberration from a normal curve than in the diagram for the carbon-hydrogen ratio. The classification adopted for the Canadian coals seems not to fit this series of analyses, on account of the greater degree of air drying that the Canadian samples have, apparently, been subjected to. The result is that probably, for fresh coals examined in the same manner as the St. Louis samples, the split volatile ratio for lignites should not go much above 2°25, and the other classes be lowered in like proportion.

#### LIST OF COAL OCCURRENCES. ARRANGED BY SPLIT VOLATILE RATIO TYPE.

In this list the associated coals of Elk river, B.C., are included. Analysis of each will be found in the general list following this:—

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#### ANTHRACITIC COAL.

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	7'-0"	1.80
	2'-3"	1.77
	5'-0"	1.76
	6'-0"	1.76
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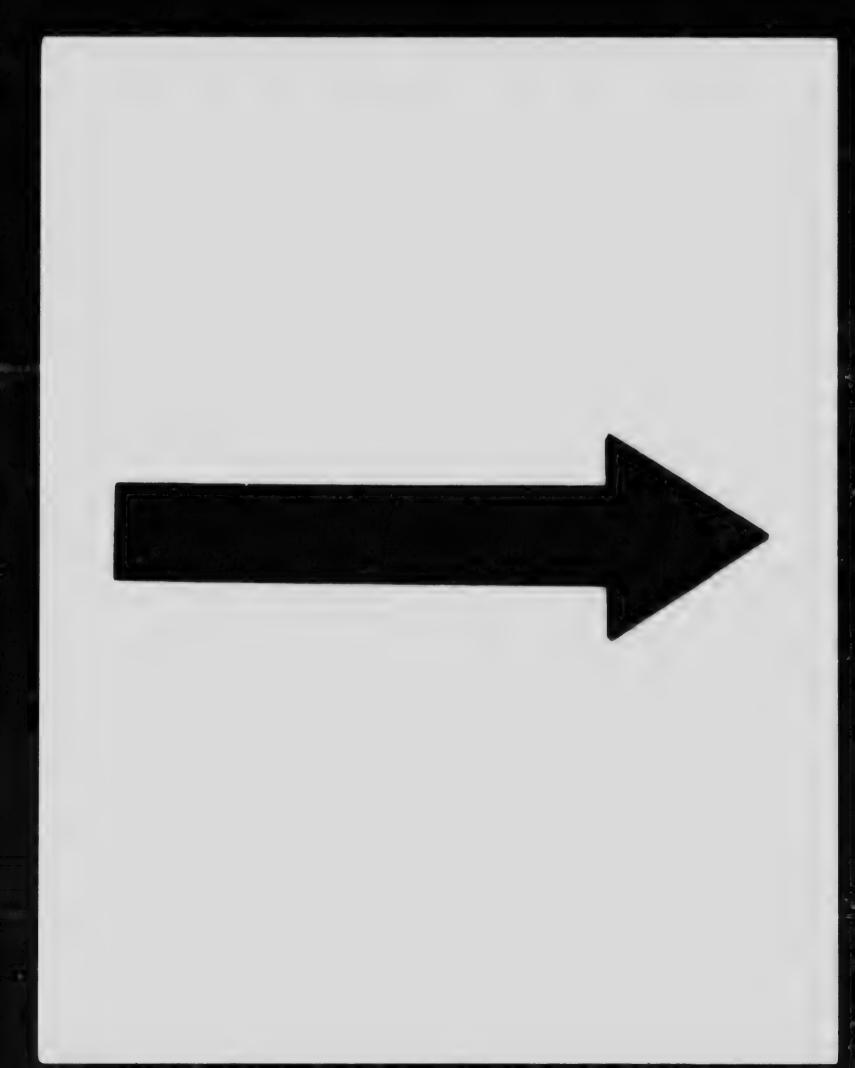
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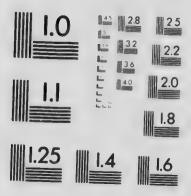
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### LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES MINING COAL IN THE PROVINCES OF ALBERTA AND SASKATCH EWAN, DURING 1907.

Note: Most of this information is compiled from a report issued by the Interior Department, ent. ad "Report with respect to Coart. ds in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, 1997," signed by H. H. Rowatt.

Small operators not included in the above report are obtained from Annual Report of the Department of Public Works of the Province of Alberta, 1996

#### ALBERTA.

The total output of coal for 1906 is given as 1,385,000 tons—an increase of seventy per cent over that for 1905—and is divided into the following classes:

Lignite.	611.2 This is
Bituminous	602.780 Jons.
Anthracite	546.623
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Coal used in coke production.	103,536
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The output for 1907 is reported to be about	1.8 9,000 toris.

International Coal and Coke Co., of Coleman

Operating at Coleman. Capacity, 1,600 tons per day. One hundred and seventy-six coke ovens. Output, steam coal, sold to Canadian Pacific railway; coke, to smelters of Boundary country.

Operating at Lundbreck. 'Aine about ready to ship. Domestic coal.

Canadian Amer' and Coke Co., of Frank.

Operating in \*p. 7, rang west of 5th meridian. Output, 700 to 800 tons of steam coal p sed of to Canadian Pacific railway.

The West Canadian Codieries, Limited, of Blairmore.

Two mines in operation at Lille and Bellevue. Output, 400 tons per day, each. At Lille, Belgian coke ovens are installed. The coal is washed by Lubrig process.

Hillcrest Coal and Coke Company of Hillcrest

Output of mine about 200 tons per day.

The Leitch Collieries, Limited, of Passburg.

Plant for mining being installed on their property, tp. 7, range 3, west of 5th meridian.

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Breckenridge and Lund Coal Company, Limited, of Lundbre k

Operating in tp. 7, range 2, west or 5th meridian. Producing about 200 tons per day. Domestic coal.

Western Coal and Oil Consolidated, of Pincher Creek.

Lands situated in tps. 5 and 6, range 2, west of 5th meridian  $-i^2\cos$  pecting operations being carried on.

Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, Limited, of Lethbridge

This Company owns 10,000 acres of land in tp. 9, ranges 21 and 22, west of 4th meridian. The output is about 1,200 tons per day, mainly for domestic market.

Diamond Coal Company, Limited, of Lethbridge, (Formerly Bulwell Coal and Iron Mines Company)

Prospecting in tp. 10, range 21, west of 4th meridian, north of Lethbridge; about ready to operate.

Canada West Coal and Coke Co., of Taber.

New plant installed at Taber to increase output to 1,000 tons per day. Present shipments about 250 tons. Domestic coal.

Reliance Coal Mining Co., Limited, Taber.

Operating in tp. 10, range 16, west of 4th meridian. Near Crows Nest Branch, Canadian Pacific railway. Output about 100 tons per day. Domestic coal.

The Consolidated Coal Mining Company, and The Domestic Coal Company, of Taber.

Operating in tp. 10, range 17, west of 4th meridian. Output about 50 tons per day each.

Near Medicine Hat, three small coal mines—from seven to ten miles west, on the Saskatchewan—are operated during the winter.

Pacific Coal Company, of Bankhead.

This Company has a lease of 5,600 acres of coal lands in the Rocky Mountain Park, east of Banff. The output is 1,000 tons per day of anthracite, and 300 tons briquets, nut size, made from the fine anthracite.

The Canadian Anthracite Co., of Canmore.

The mine is situated at Canmore, and is opera'd by the H. W. McNeill

Mining Co. It produces 400 tons of coal per day. The fine coal is washed, and the total output is used by the Canadian Pacific railway

#### Messrs. P. Burns and Company, of Calgary

This Company has acquired coal lands on Sheep creek, tps. 18 and 19, ranges 6 and 7, west of the 5th meridian. Prospectio work is being carried on.

#### Kneehill Coal Company, of Kneehill

This Company is operating in tp. 29, range 23, west of 4th meridian, producing fifty tons per day during winter. For domestic use.

#### The Morinville Coal Company, of Morinville

Operating at Morinville, about twenty miles north of Edmonton The output is about 300 tons per day, disposed of to the Caradian Northern railway.

#### The Alberta Coal Mining Company, Limited, of Edmonton.

This Company is engaged in development work on land in tp. 55, range 25, west of 4th meridian.

#### Standard Coal Company, Limited, of Edmonton.

This Company's mine is on River Lot No. 22, of Edmonton settlement. Output 100 tons per day, for the domestic market.

#### The Parkdale Coal Company, of Edmonton,

Producing about forty tons per day at its mine on River Let No. 24, Edmonton settlement. Domestic coal.

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#### Saskatchewan Coal Company, or Edmonton.

Operating on River Lot No. 28, of the Edmonton settlement. Output about twenty tons per day

#### The Brenner-Milner Coal Company, of Edmonton,

Producing about thirty tons per day from its in he on Lot No. 42, Edmonton settlement.

#### Mr. Wm. Humberston, of Edmonton

Operating on River Lot No. 12, Edmonton settlement, and producing about thirty tons per day.

#### The Stratheona Coal Company, Limited, of Stratheona

Operating on River Lot No. 7, Edmonton settlement, and producing about 100 tons per day, domestic coad

#### The Edmonton Coal Company, Limited, of Edmonton

Operating on sec. 18, tp. 53, range 23, west of 4th meridian, with an output of lifty tons per day

#### Messes, Fraser and Freeman, of Clover Ba.

Operating on sec. 5, tp. 53, R. 23, west of 4th meridian. Their output is about thirty tons per day.

#### The Milner Coal Company, of Edmonton.

Operating on sec. 7, tp. 53, range 23, west of 4th meridian, and producing about thirty tons per day.

#### Messes. Daly and Lindsay, of Clover Bar.

Operating on sec. 7, tp. 53, range 23, west of 4th meridian, and producing about thirty tons per day for the domestic market.

There are many other operators in the Province that are probably not included in the above lists, and from the Public Works report for 1906, the following might be mentioned:

Sturgeon mine, at Namao, operated by C. S. Carnegie.

Big Island mine, at Strathcona, operated by the Wetaskiwin Coal Co.
White Star mine, at Strathcona, by McKenzie and Blain.
Black Diamond mine, at Lineham, by Cooper and McPherson.
Crockford mine, at Medicine Hat, by Crockford Bros
Galbraith mine, at Cowley, operated by R. J. Galbraith.
Crowfoot mine, at Gleichen, operated by the Blackfoot Indians
Banner mine, at Namao, operated by Watson Bros.
Threchills, several small operators on Threchills creek.

#### SASKATCHEWAN.

The total output of the mines in Saskatchewan for the year ending March, 1907, was about 150,000 tons. The largest part came from the mines near the Souris river.

#### Western Dominion Collieries, Limited, Taylorton.

Operating in tp. 2, range 6, west of 2nd meridian. The output is about 800 tons per day, during winter, and 200 ons during summer.

The Manitoba and Sa katchesian Cool Company, of Bereit

Operating near Bienfait, and newly equipped and ready to hands larger output than the 100 ions per day now being produced

The Eureka Coal and Brick Competing of L. terrin

Operating in tp. 2, range 6, west of 2nd meridian. Output about 100 tons per day

The Roche Percee Coal Mining Company, of Roche Percee.

Operating in the same vicinity, with an output of about 150 terper day

Ten other small mines are working in the winter as a rule, in the vicinity  $\alpha$  Estevan and the Souris mines, with an estimated output of 200 tons per day, for this period

# ANALYSES OF COALS NOT INCLUDED IN MAP.

Below will be found a list of coal analyses for comparison with the coals of the Northwest. These include practically all the Canadian analyses at hand, on the date of compilation, with others selected from United States, and foreign reports.

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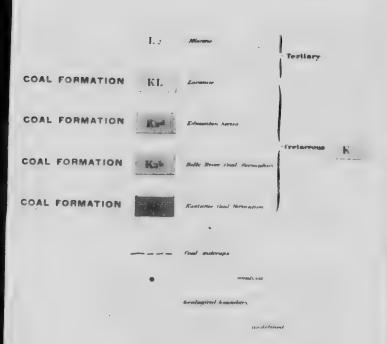
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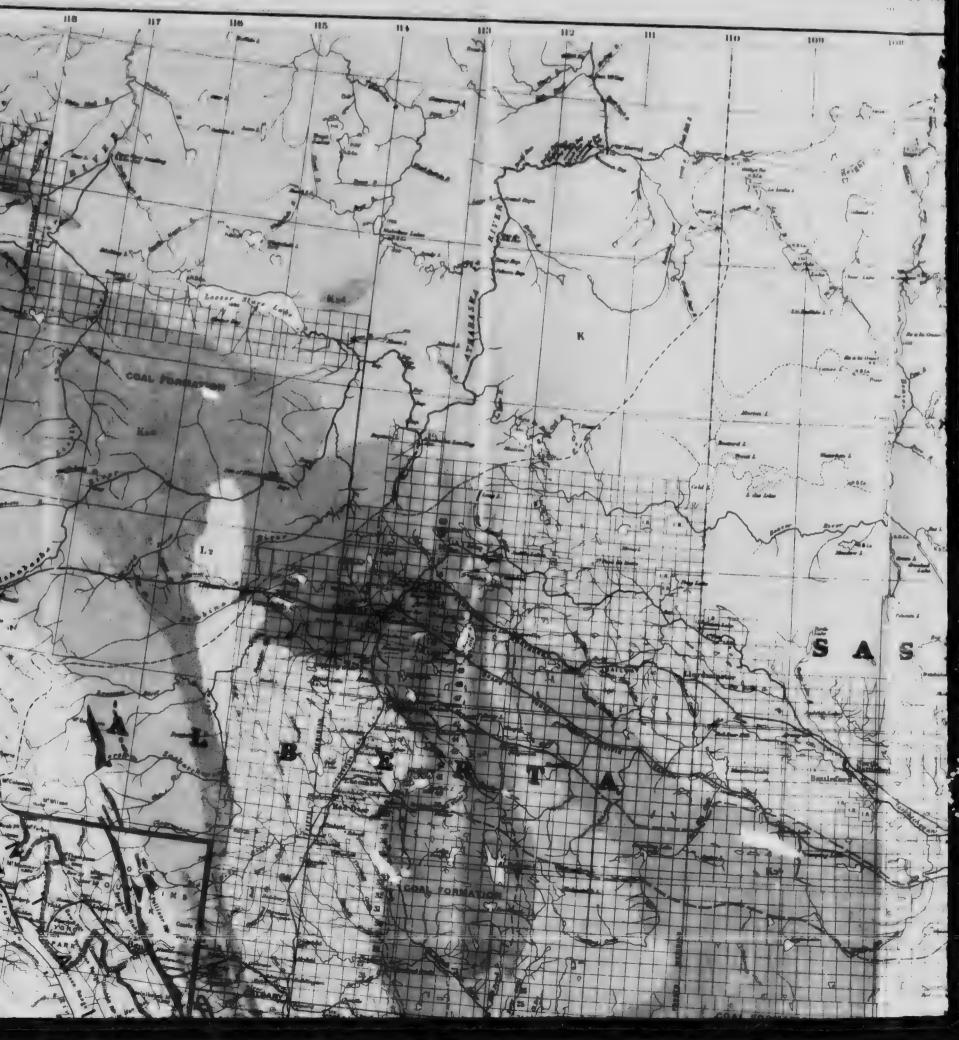


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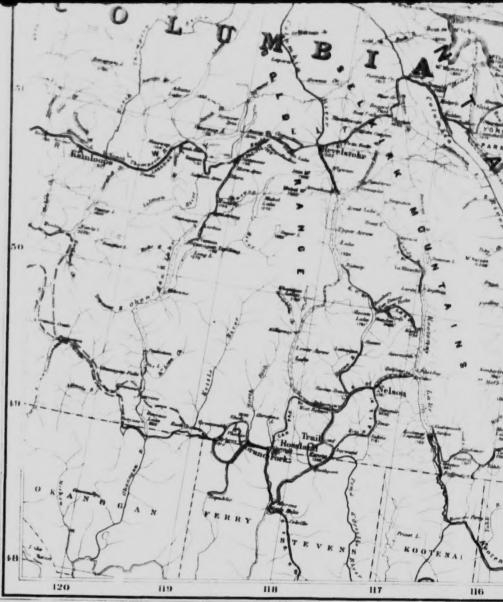


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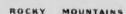




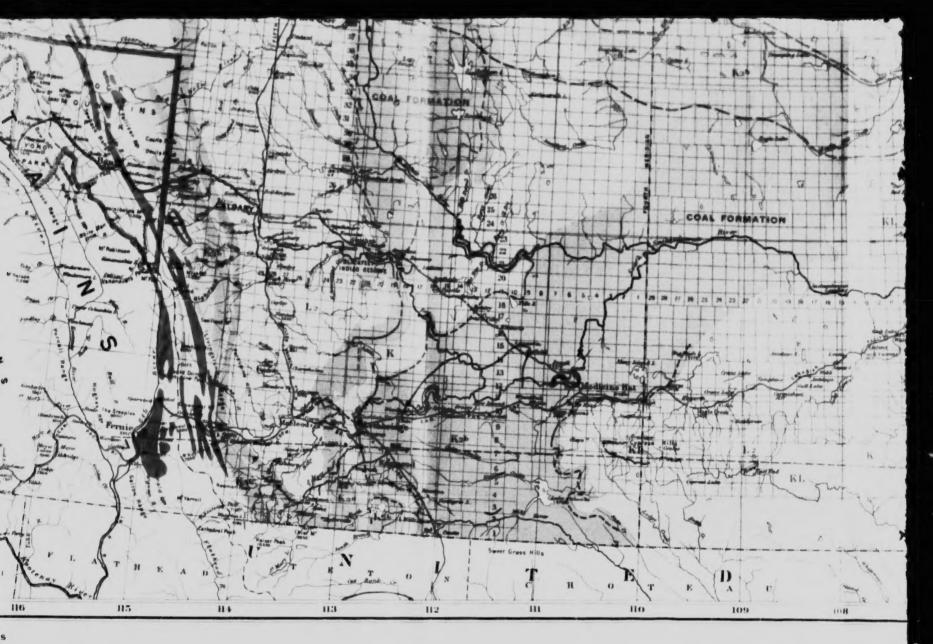
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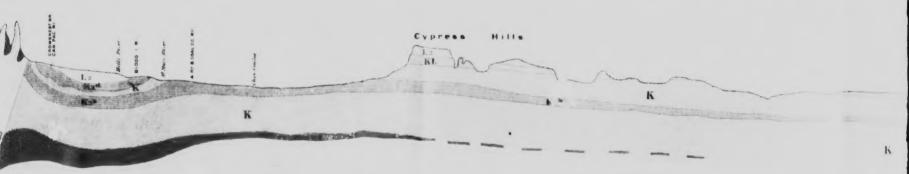


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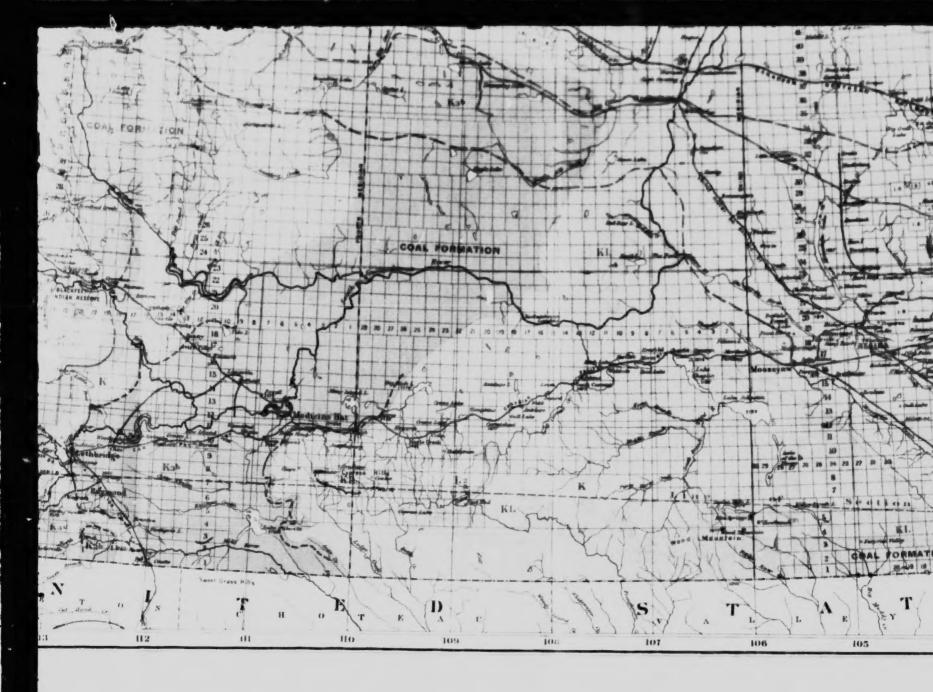
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